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1954年「音無しの剣」でデビュー。
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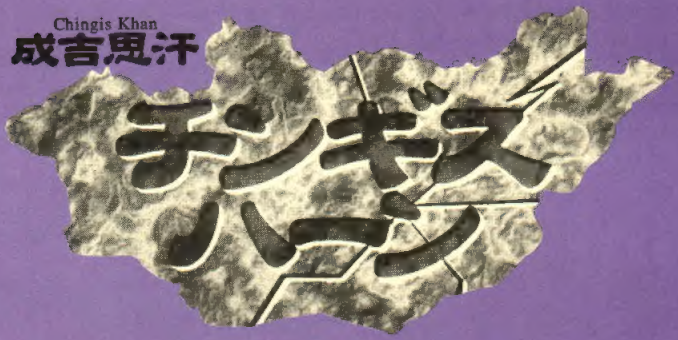

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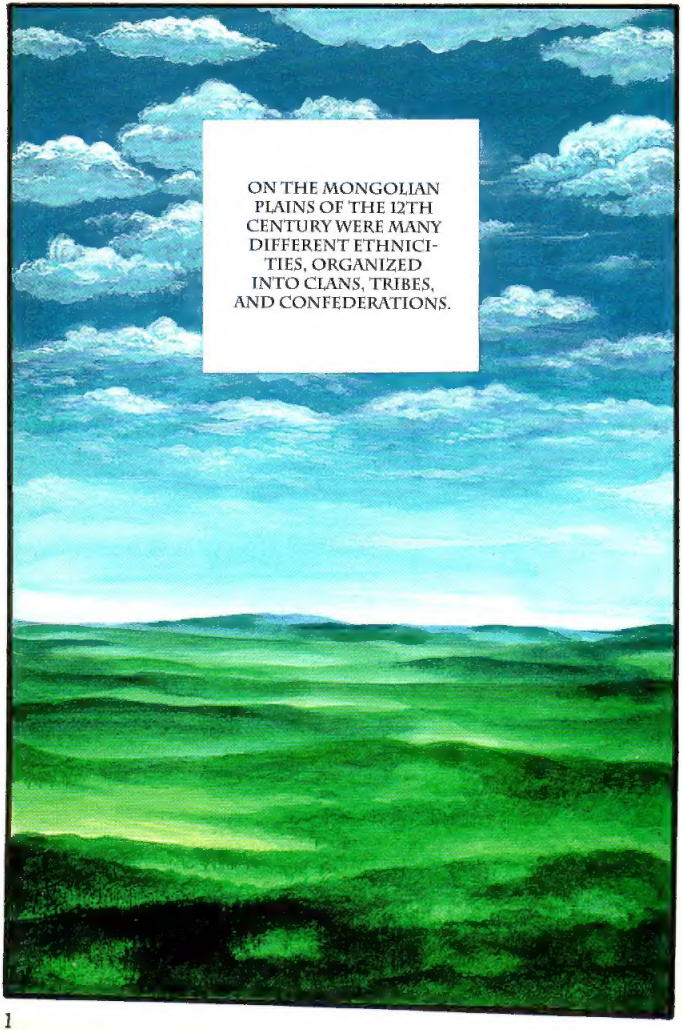
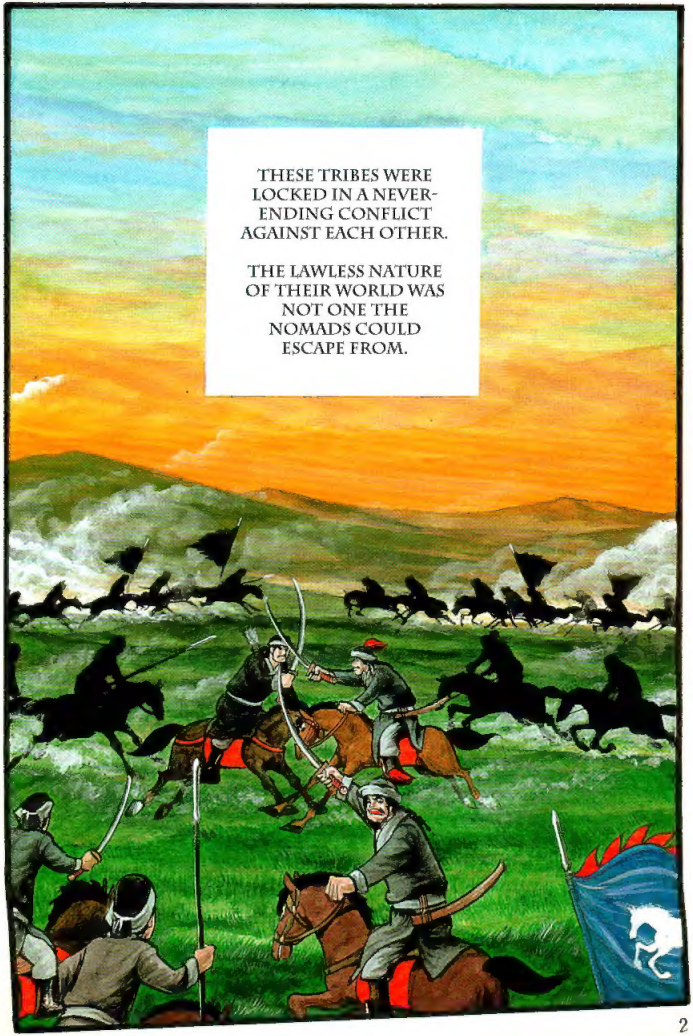
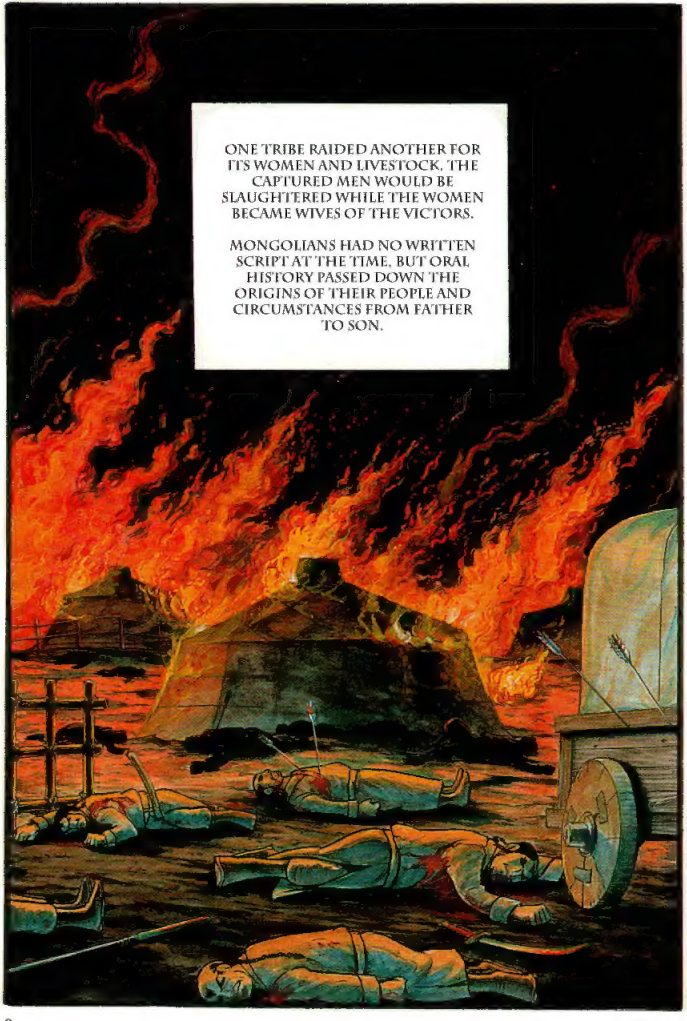
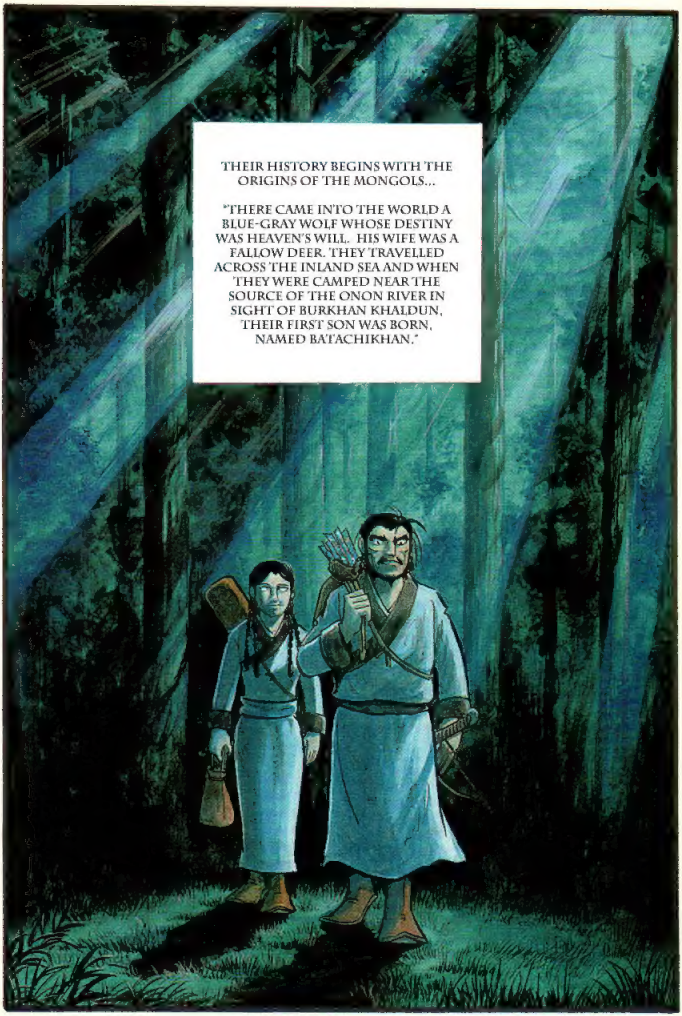

ON THE MONGOLIAN PLAINS OF THE 12TH CENTURY WERE MANY DIFFERENT ETHNICITIES, ORGANIZED INTO CLANS, TRIBES, AND CONFEDERATIONS.


THESE TRIBES WERE LOCKED IN A NEVER-ENDING CONFLICT AGAINST EACH OTHER.
THE LAWLESS NATURE OF THEIR WORLD WAS NOT ONE THE NOMADS COULD ESCAPE FROM.


ONE TRIBE RAIDED ANOTHER FOR ITS WOMEN AND LIVESTOCK. THE CAPTURED MEN WOULD BE SLAUGHTERED WHILE THE WOMEN BECAME WIVES OF THE VICTORS.
MONGOLIANS HAD NO WRITTEN SCRIPT AT THE TIME, BUT ORAL HISTORY PASSED DOWN THE ORIGINS OF THEIR PEOPLE AND CIRCUMSTANCES FROM FATHER TO SON.


THEIR HISTORY BEGINS WITH THE ORIGINS OF THE MONGOLS...
"THERE CAME INTO THE WORLD A BLUE-GRAY WOLF WHOSE DESTINY WAS HEAVEN'S WILL. HIS WIFE WAS A FALLOW DEER. THEY TRAVELLED ACROSS THE INLAND SEA AND WHEN THEY WERE CAMPED NEAR THE SOURCE OF THE ONON RIVER IN SIGHT OF BURKHAN KHALDUN, THEIR FIRST SON WAS BORN, NAMED BATACHIKHAN."

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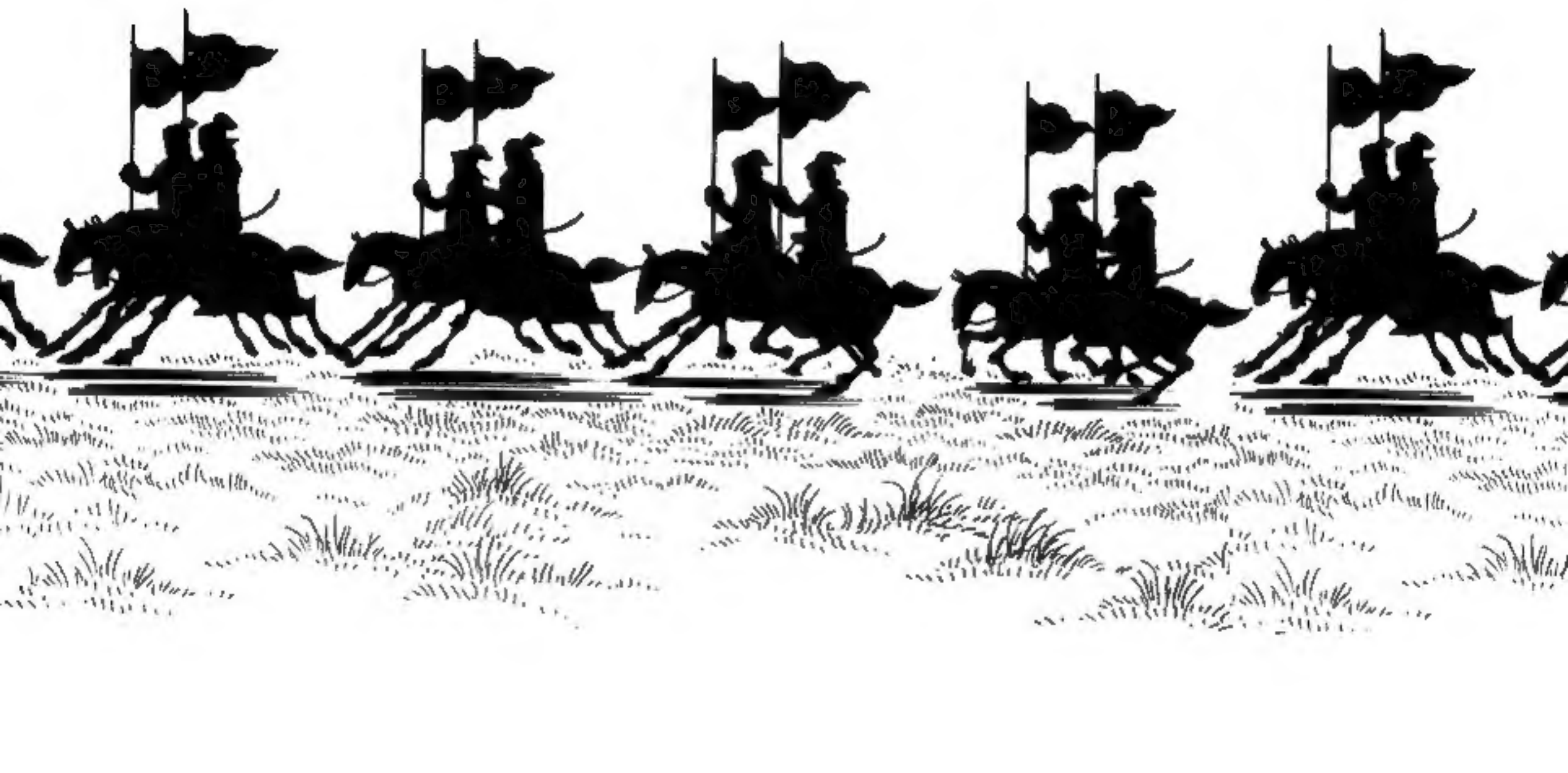
TRANSLATOR'S FOREWORD

AS FAR AS I KNOW, THERE IS NO UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED TRANSLITERATION SYSTEM OF MONGOLIAN INTO ENGLISH. SINCE I'M JUST A HOBBY-TRANSLATOR AND NO SPECIALIST IN HISTORY NOR LINGUISTICS, ALL MONGOLIAN PLACES AND NAMES IN THIS MANGA WILL USE THE SPELLING USED IN THOMAS HAINING'S ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF PAUL RATCHNEVSKY'S "GENGHIS KHAN, HIS LIFE AND LEGACY (CINGGIS-KHAN, SEIN LEBEN UND WIRKEN)." THE LONE EXCEPTION IS, OF COURSE, "GENGHIS KHAN," WHICH I WILL SPELL AS "CHINGGIS KHAN," PURELY FOR THE REASON THAT I DO NOT WANT TO PROMOTE THE ACCIDENTAL PRONUNCIATION OF GENGHIS WITH A HARD "G" SOUND AS I'VE NOTED IN CERTAIN ENGLISH-SPEAKERS. SOME MAY COMPLAIN THAT I SHOULD BE SPELLING IT AS "CHINGGIS QA'AN" INSTEAD, SINCE THE WORD-INITIAL K ISN'T REALLY A HARD "K" SOUND THAT ENGLISH-SPEAKERS ARE FAMILIAR WITH, BUT IN MY EXPERIENCE, ENGLISH-SPEAKERS TEND TO BE SCARED BY A "Q" WHICH ISN'T ACCOMPANIED BY A "U." SINCE THIS IS A MANGA, ACCESSIBILITY IS AN IMPORTANT PRIORITY TO JUGGLE ALONG WITH LINGUISTIC FAITHFULNESS.

FOR THOSE OF YOU INTERESTED IN CHINGGIS-KHAN AND THE MONGOLS, I HIGHLY RECOMMEND PAUL RATCHNEVSKY'S "GENGHIS KHAN, HIS LIFE AND LEGACY" AND URGUNGE ONON'S "THE SECRET HISTORY OF THE MONGOLS." THE FORMER TRIES TO SYNTHESIZE THE MULTIPLE SOURCES FOR THE KHAN'S LIFE, WHILE THE LATTER IS AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE MONGOLIAN TEXT OF THE SAME NAME. BOTH BOOKS ARE FILLED WITH DELICIOUS FOOTNOTES AND ENDNOTES, I MIGHT ADD. IGOR DE RASCHEWILTZ'S TRANSLATION OF "THE SECRET HISTORY OF MONGOLS" SHOULD ALSO BE MENTIONED, BUT I PERSONALLY HAVE NOT YET READ IT. I'D SAY STAY AWAY FROM WEATHERFORD'S BOOK, "GENGHIS KHAN AND THE MAKING OF THE MODERN WORLD" ON ACCOUNT OF ACADEMIC SLOPPINESS, BUT I SUPPOSE THAT WOULD BE HIGHLY IRONIC CONSIDERING I'M TRANSLATING A COMIC BOOK, WHICH HAS ITS INACCURACIES AS WELL.

...SO WHATEVER, I HOPE YOU CAN ENJOY THIS MANGA.



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Birth of Temuchin

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LOOKS LIKE A MERKIT AT THE REIGNS.

DO YOU SEE THAT WAGON OVER THERE?

THE NOMADS OF THE STEPPE WERE BLESSED WITH HAWK-LIKE VISION TO SEE GREAT DISTANCES.

THERE'S ALSO A GOOD-LOOKING WOMAN ON BOARD. I THINK I'LL TAKE HER AS MY WIFE.

OH NO! IT'S THE KHAMAG MONGOLS!

!

WHAT!?

WHAT!? I CAN'T JUST LEAVE MY WIFE BEHIND... I'LL FIGHT THEM!

GO ON WITHOUT ME! THEY'LL KILL YOU IF THEY CATCH YOU!

BUT...

HOW'RE YOU GOING TO WIN, OUTNUM-BERED THREE TO ONE? A MAN HAS PLENTY OF WOMEN TO MARRY IN THE WORLD BUT ONLY ONE LIFE TO LIVE!

F-FINE...

DO YOU THINK SACRI-FICING YOURSELF HERE WILL CHANGE MY FATE AT ALL? STOP BEING SO STUBBORN AND FLEE NOW WHILE YOU CAN!

THUS THE MERKIT CHILEDU LEFT HIS WIFE BEHIND TO THE MONGOLS.

HŌ'ELUN.

I AM YISUGEI, BA'ATUR OF THE KHAMAG MONGOLS. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

STARTING TODAY, YOU ARE MY WIFE, HŌ'ELUN.

BAATUR. ARISTOCRATIC WARRIOR, SIMILAR TO THE TERM "KNIGHT"

THE KHAMAG MONGOL KHANATE WAS A TRIBAL CONFEDERATION COMPOSED MAINLY OF KIYAT, TAYICHI'UT, JALAIR, AND JURKHIN TRIBES.

YISUGEI WAS A KIYAT BORJIGID LEADER OF THE BORJIGID TRIBE.

AFTER ABDUCTING HÖ'ELUN FROM THE MERKIT CHILEDU, YISUGEI TOOK HER AS HIS FIRST WIFE.

A JIN MESSENGER?

YISUGEI, A MESSENGER FROM JIN HAS COME TO SPEAK WITH YOU.

*AN EMPIRE OCCUPYING THE NORTHERN HALF OF CHINA ESTABLISHED BY THE JURCHENS OF MANCHURIA

WHY WOULD THE JIN, WHO'S BACKING OUR ENEMIES, THE TATARS, SEND A MESSENGER TO ME...?

YES, SIR.

LET HIM IN.

YOU MAY ENTER YISUGEI'S TENT.

WELCOME.
I AM YISUGEI.

GREETINGS.
I AM CHEN ER,
A MESSENGER
FROM JIN.

TO DISCUSS
THOSE VERY
TATARS...

FOR WHAT REASON
DOES JIN SEND A
MESSENGER TO THE
KHAMAG MONGOLS,
EVEN AS THEY
SUPPORT OUR
MORTAL ENEMIES,
THE TATARS?

WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT YOUR TRIBE FACES CONSTANT THREAT FROM THE TATARS, WHOM YOU SHARE A BORDER WITH.

THE TATARS HAVE GROWN TOO POWERFUL AS OF LATE FOR OUR EMPIRE TO WILLFULLY IGNORE.

AH, SO WE BOTH HAVE POTENTIAL GAINS?

THUS, WE PROPOSE A JOINT EXPEDITION BETWEEN JIN AND YOUR MONGOLS TO CRUSH THE TATAR YOKE. A VICTORY WOULD GIVE YOU UNCONTESTED CONTROL OF THEIR PLAINS.

SO SHALL WE.

VERY WELL, I SHALL MOBILIZE MY TROOPS.

YISUGEI NEEDED NO FURTHER REASON FOR A CHANCE TO CRUSH THE TATARS.

AT THE TIME OF THIS CAMPAIGN, HÖ ELUN WAS LATE INTO HER PREGNANCY

PRESSED BETWEEN MONGOL AND JIN FORCES,

THE TATARS WERE CAUGHT AT A DISAD VANTAGE,

AND EASILY ROUTED.

WHILE HER HUSBAND WAS OUT FIGHTING, HÖ'ELUN BORE A CHILD AT DEL'IJN-BOLDOK ON THE ONON RIVER IN 1162.

I HOPE HE'LL GROW UP INTO AN ADULT, FIT TO LEAD THE TRIBE...

IT'S A HEALTHY BOY, MA'AM.

COME ON, OPEN YOUR HAND.

ALRIGHT, LET'S GET YOU WASHED.

WHAT IS IT?

M-MA'AM!

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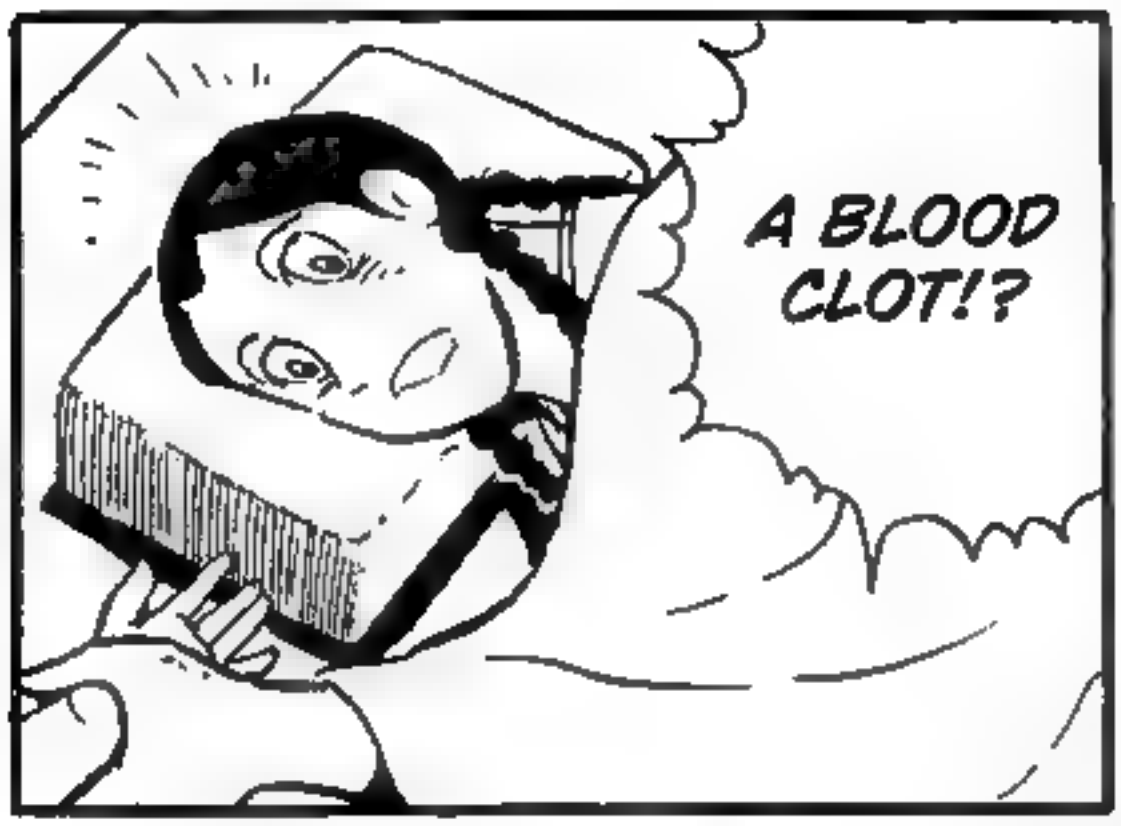
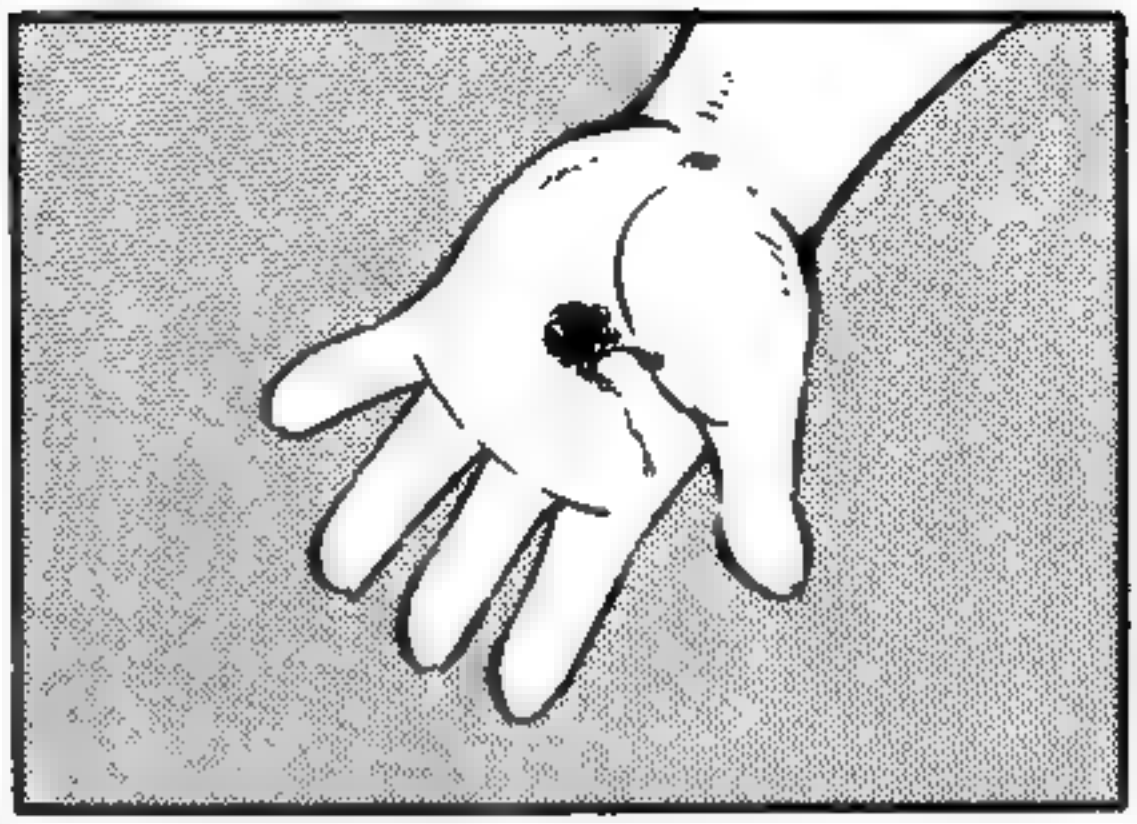
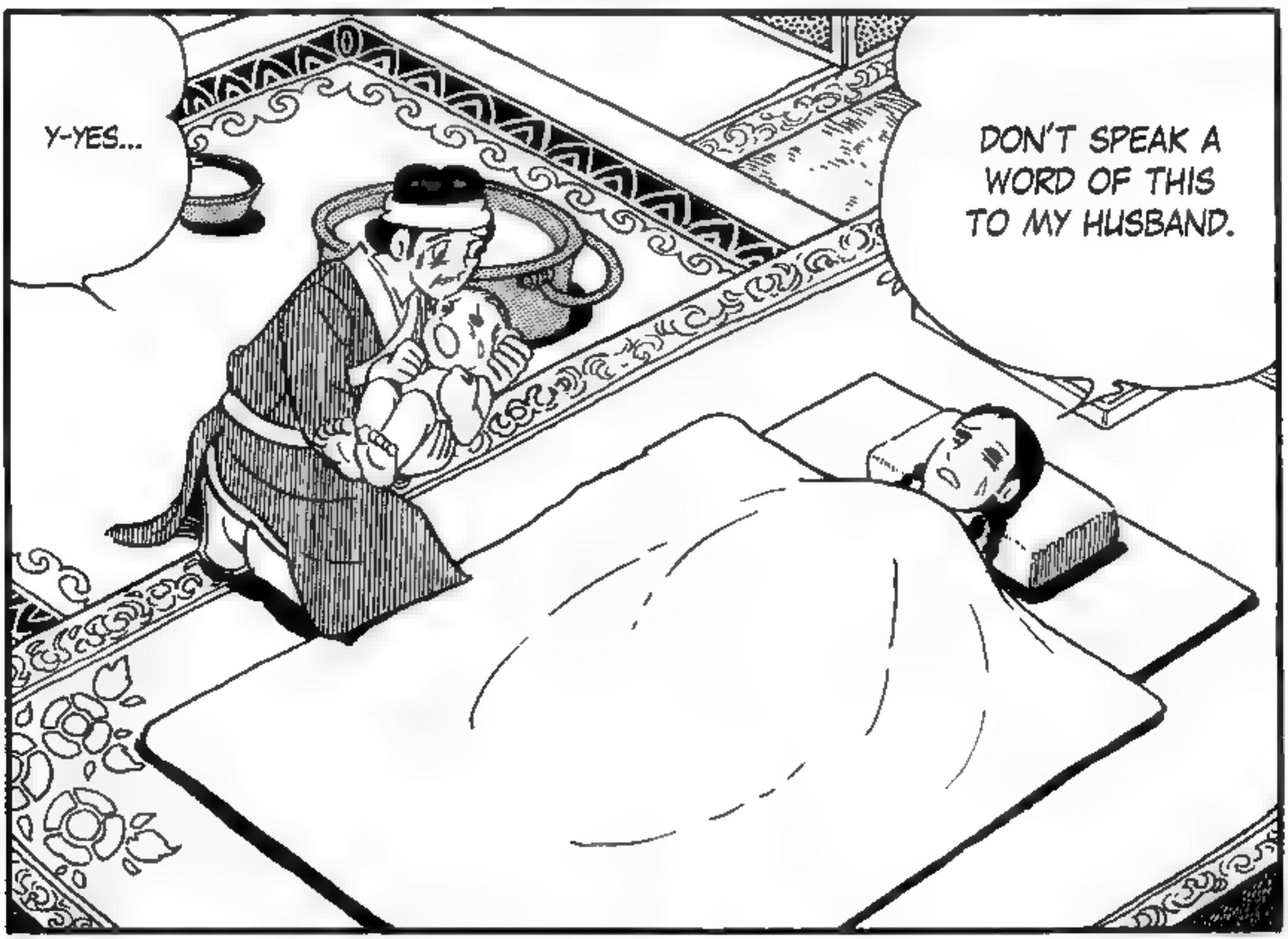
LOOK WHAT HE WAS CLUTCHING IN HIS HAND!


A BLOOD CLOT!?




Y-YES...
DON'T SPEAK A WORD OF THIS TO MY HUSBAND.

A CHILD BORN WHILE CLUTCHING A BLOOD CLOT IN HIS HAND IS SAID TO CAUSE MUCH BLOODSHED WHEN HE GROWS UP...

EVERYONE, LISTEN! YISUGEI HAS LED US TO A GREAT TRIUMPH OVER THE TATARS! HE'LL BE ARRIVING SHORTLY!

WE MUST GO OUT AND GREET THEM THEN.

OHHH!

YISUGEI TRIUM PHANTLY RETURNED WITH A TATAR CHIEFTAIN AS CAPTIVE.

ANOTHER NEWS?

YISUGEI, THERE IS ANOTHER JOYOUS NEWS IN ADDITION TO YOUR GREAT VICTORY.

A SON!?

YOUR WIFE HAS BORNE A HEALTHY SON.

I SEE.

YES, AND SHE WISHES YOU TO NAME YOUR SON.

YES, SIR.

BRING THE CAPTIVE FORWARD.

BAH, I'VE HEARD THAT A THOUSAND TIMES OVER! JUST KILL ME ALREADY.

AN IRONCLAD LAW OF THESE STEPPE IS THAT THE DEFEATED ARE GIVEN NO QUARTERS.

TEMUCHIN-UGE.

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

YES.

VERY WELL, EXECUTE HIM.

I SEE.

HIYI

AS YOU WISH.

MY SON WILL BE NAMED TEMUCHIN.

IT WAS AN OLD CUSTOM FOR THE MONGOLIAN NOMADS TO NAME A NEWBORN AFTER THE FIRST THING HE TOUCHED OR AN ENEMY CAPTIVE.

THE NAME FOR YOUR SON HAS BEEN DECIDED.

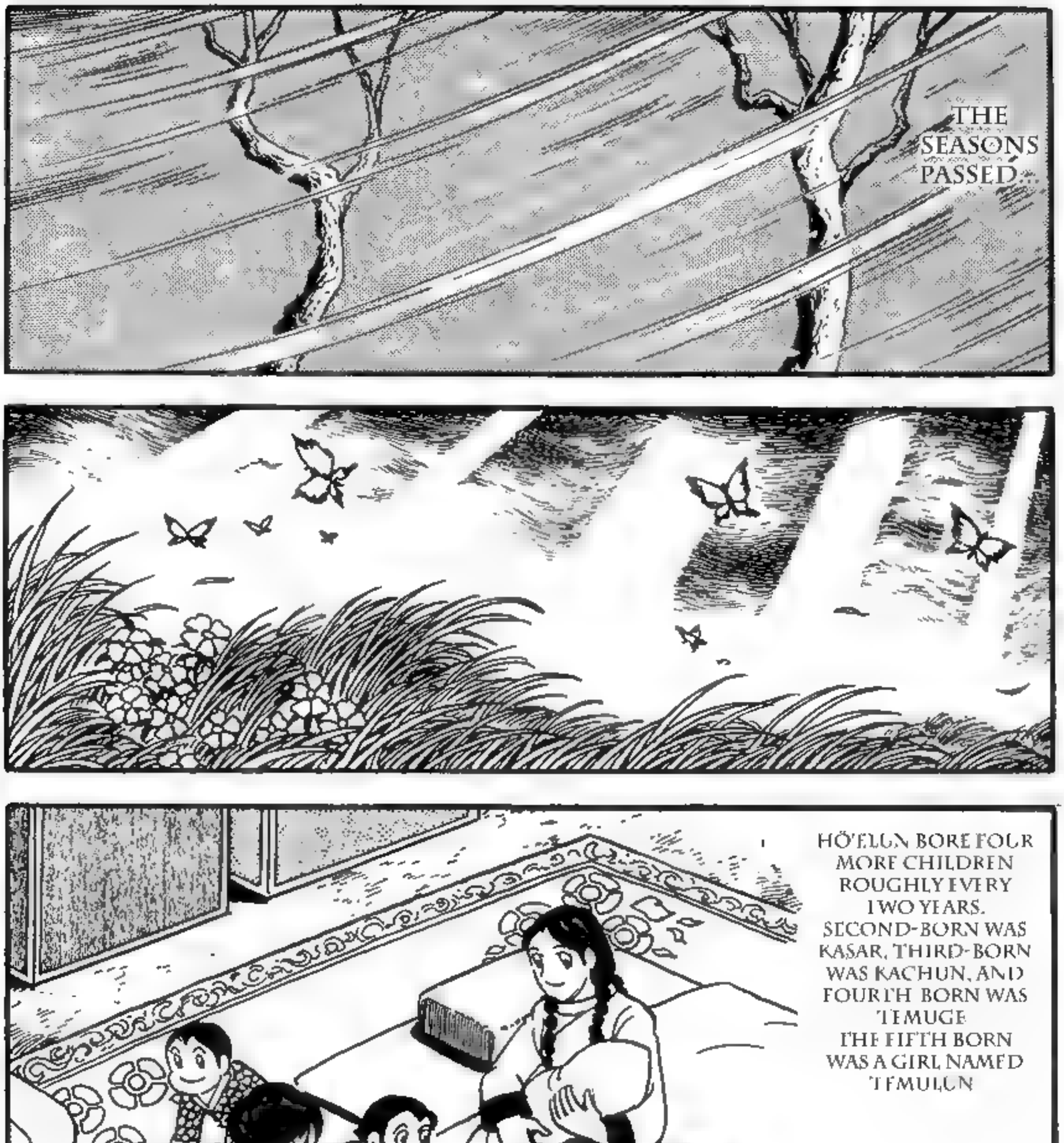
TEMUCHIN.

WHAT IS IT?

YES.

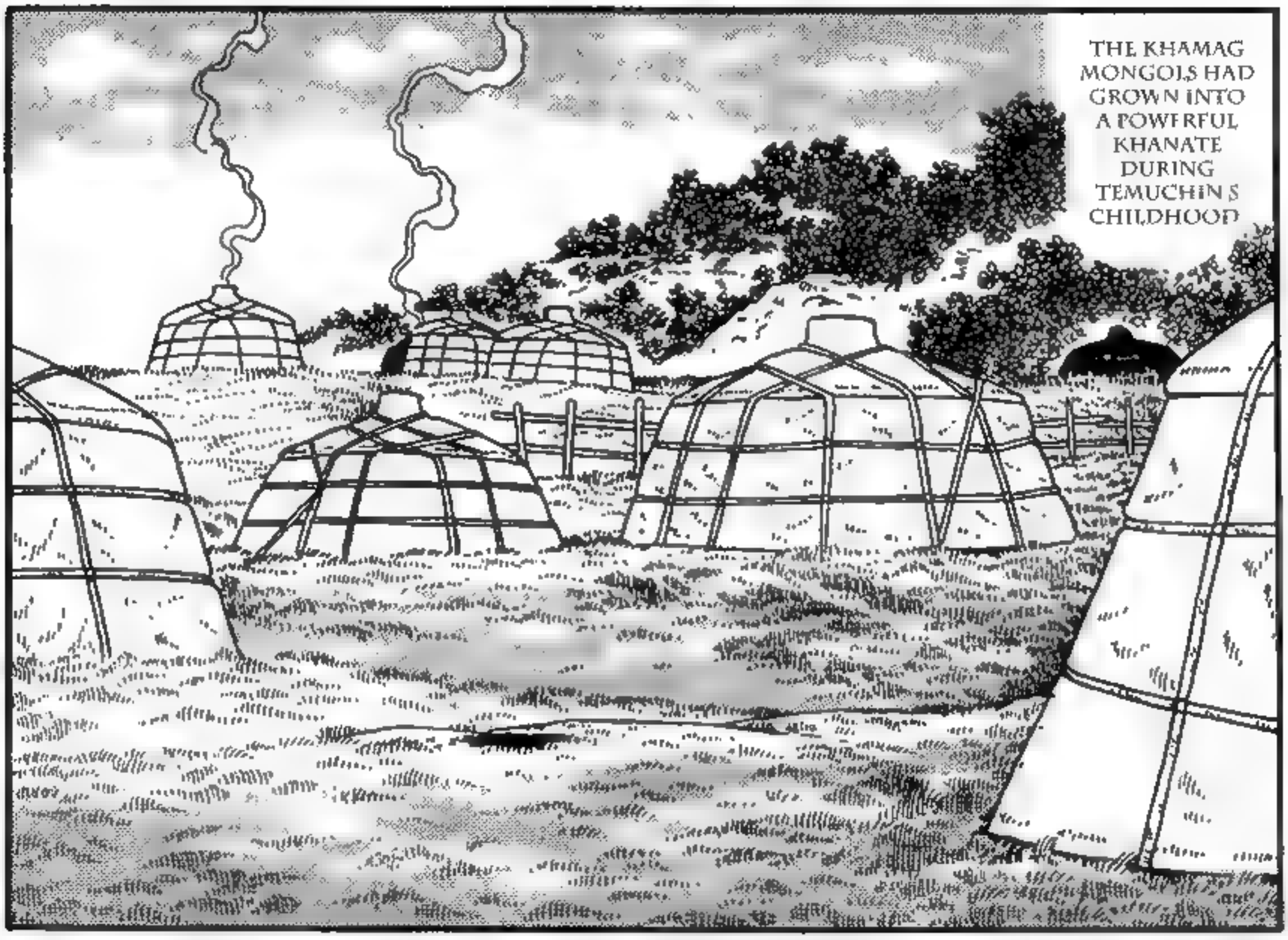
TEMUCHIN... AS IN THE MEANING, "MAN OF IRON?"

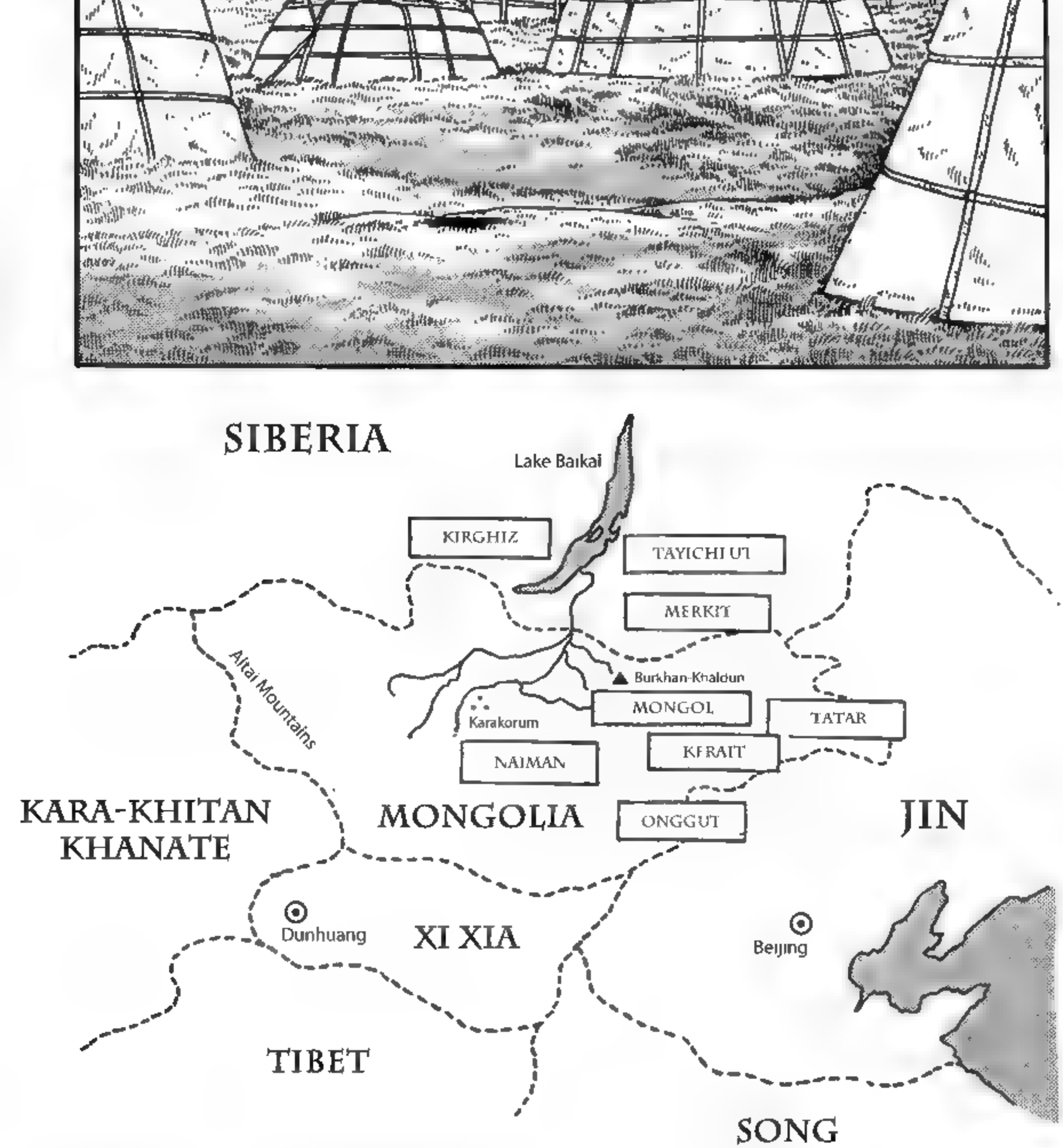
MY SON, YOU HAVE NOW BEEN GIVEN YOUR NAME... GROW UP AS STRONG AS IRON TO LIVE UP TO YOUR NAME.


THE SEASONS PASSED...
HO'ELUN BORE FOUR MORE CHILDREN ROUGHLY EVERY TWO YEARS. SECOND-BORN WAS KASAR, THIRD-BORN WAS KACHUN, AND FOURTH BORN WAS TEMUGE THE FIFTH BORN WAS A GIRL NAMED TEMULUN

YISUGEI ALSO HAD TWO OTHER SONS BORNE FROM A SECOND WIFE. THEY WERE BEKHTER AND BELGUTEI

REGARDLESS OF THEIR MOTHER OR AGE, THE CHILDREN WERE RAISED ALL EQUALLY BY YISUGEI AND HO'ELUN





*TE NOTE THE BORDERS OF THIS MAP IS SLIGHTLY INACCURATE

Yisugei's Death

YES, FATHER.

TEMUCHIN, YOU ARE NOW 9.

IT'S ABOUT TIME I LOOK FOR A SUITABLE WIFE FOR YOU.

AS IS THE CUSTOM OF OUR PEOPLE, A SPOUSE IS BEST FOUND NOT IN ONE'S OWN TRIBE BUT A DISTANT TRIBE TO SECURE ALLIANCES.

YES, FATHER.

SINCE YOUR MOTHER IS AN OLKUNU'UT, IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO FIND YOUR FUTURE WIFE FROM THEM. WE WILL DEPART TOMORROW TO SEEK OUT THE OLKUNU'UT.

THE NEXT DAY, THE FATHER AND SON SET OUT ON A TRIP, ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL OF THEIR TRIBESMEN

THE LONG JOURNEY TOOK THEM THROUGH FORESTS, VAST PLAINS, AND SEEMINGLY ENDLESS DESERT EXPANSES.

?

I MUST CRUSH THE TATAR AND TAYICHI'UT BEFORE I GROW TOO OLD...

IT IS TRUE THAT MY VICTORY OVER THE TATARS HAS GREATLY WEAKENED THEM, BUT THE VICTORY IS INCOMPLETE. THE TATARS HAVE ATTACKED US FOR GENERATIONS. THEY WILL NOT HESITATE TO ATTACK US AGAIN ONCE THEY'VE HAD TIME TO RECOVER.

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT, FATHER? THE MIGHT OF THE TATARS HAS ALREADY BEEN WEAKENED AND THE TAYICHI'LIT IS A MAJOR CLAN WITHIN OUR KHANATE. SO WHY CRUSH THEM?

THAT, I CAN UNDERSTAND, BUT WHY THE TAYICHI'LIT? ARE YOU NOT RELATED TO THEM BY BLOOD, FATHER? WHY CRUSH THEM WHEN IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE REAL THREAT TO OUR POWER LIES TO THE SOUTH, IN THE JIN WHO LIE PROTECTED BEHIND THEIR GREAT WALLS.

THE STRONGER OUR CONFEDERATION BECOMES, THE STRONGER THE TAYICHI'LIT WILL AS WELL. EVEN NOW, THEY DISAGREE WITH MY LEADERSHIP AND SEEK TO BECOME THE NEXT KHAN.

HAHA!

THEN WHAT OF THE JIN?

THE JIN, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE SEVERAL TENS TIMES THAT NUMBER AND COUNTLESS ARMS AND ARMOUR TO SUPPORT THEIR TROOPS. WE CANNOT HOPE TO MATCH THEM.

MY SON, EVEN IF ALL THE FEUDING TRIBES AND CLANS OF THESE STEPPE WERE TO UNITE, WE CAN ONLY MUSTER A FORCE OF BARELY 200,000...

HM?

I SEE, THEN WE MUST GO AND PAY OUR RESPECTS.

JUDGING BY THEIR BANNER, IT MUST BE THE ONGGIRATS.

GERS? WHICH TRIBE IS THIS?

*GER A MONGOLIAN YURT/TENT

AMONG THE NOMADS OF THE STEPPE AND THE DESERT, IT WAS PROPER CUSTOM FOR A TRAVELLER TO PAY HIS RESPECTS UPON SEEING A GER. THE GER'S OWNER WAS EQUALLY OBLIGED TO PLAY THE PART OF THE GENEROUS HOST

I AM YISUGEI, HEAD OF THE MONGOLS. I AM TRAVELLING TO MEET WITH THE OLKUNU'UT, TO SEEK A BRIDE FOR MY SON.

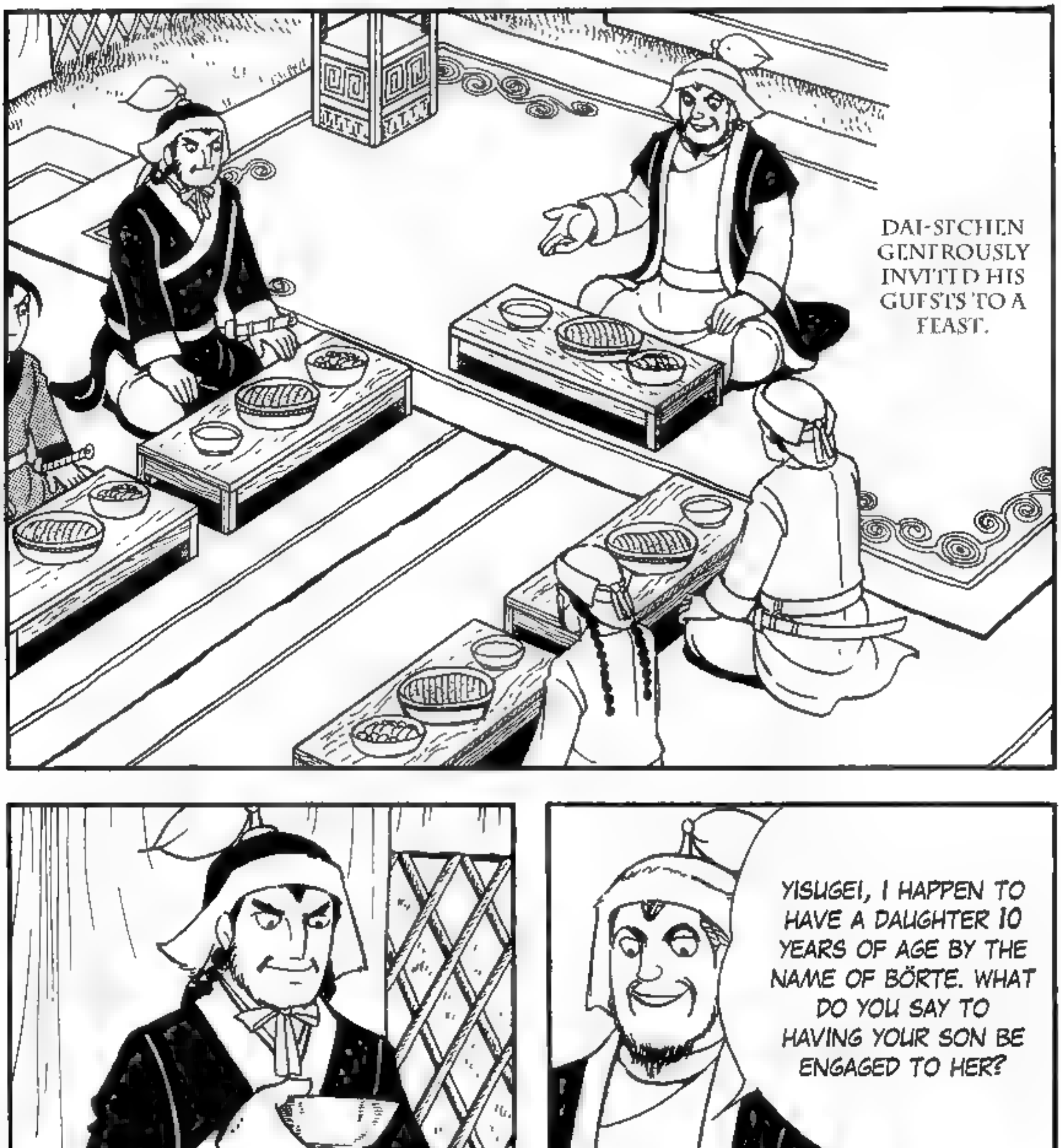
GREETINGS, TRAVELLERS. I AM DAI-SECHEN. WHERE IS YOUR DESTINATION, TRAVELLERS?

YES.

AH, IS THIS YOUR SON?

WHAT A STRAPPING YOUNG LAD! HE'S GOT FIRE IN HIS EYES AND LIGHT IN HIS FACE.

PLEASE COME INSIDE MY GER TO EASE THE FATIGUE OF TRAVEL.


DAI-SICHEN GENEROUSLY INVITED HIS GUESTS TO A FEAST.

YISUGEI, I HAPPEN TO HAVE A DAUGHTER 10 YEARS OF AGE BY THE NAME OF BÖRTE. WHAT DO YOU SAY TO HAVING YOUR SON BE ENGAGED TO HER?

SUDDEN, IT IS, BUT YOUR SON CAUGHT MY ATTENTION THE MOMENT I LAID MY EYES ON HIM.

HMM, THAT'S A RATHER SUDDEN OFFER...

YES.

CALL BÖRTE HERE.

OHH!

ENTERING THE GER WAS A BEAUTIFUL GIRL JUST A YEAR OLDER THAN TEMUCHIN

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

GOOD!

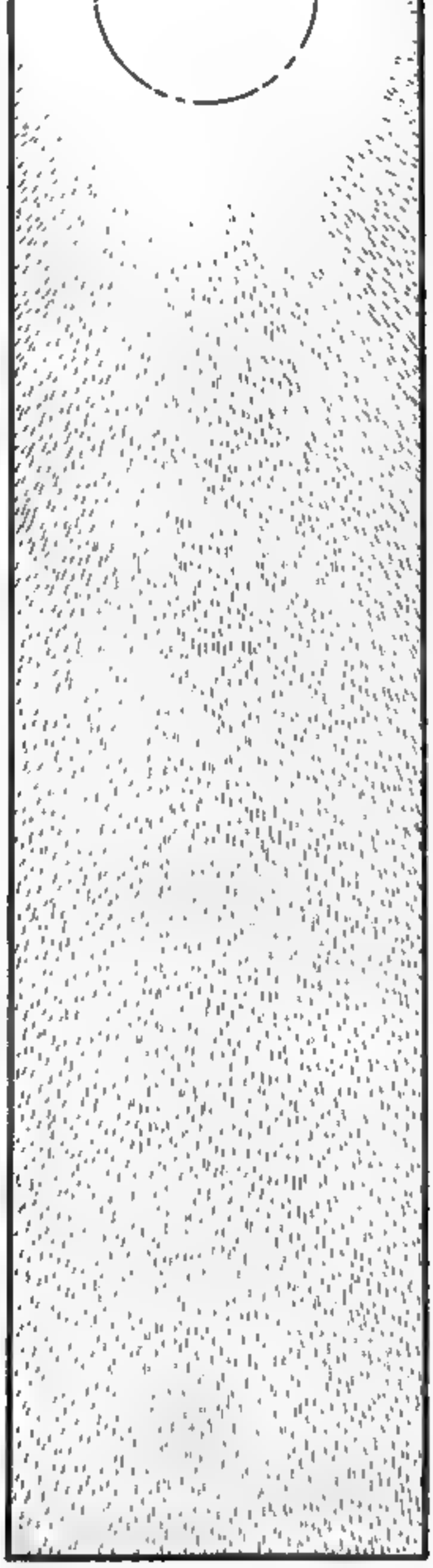
VERY WELL. LET THE TWO BE BETROTHED.

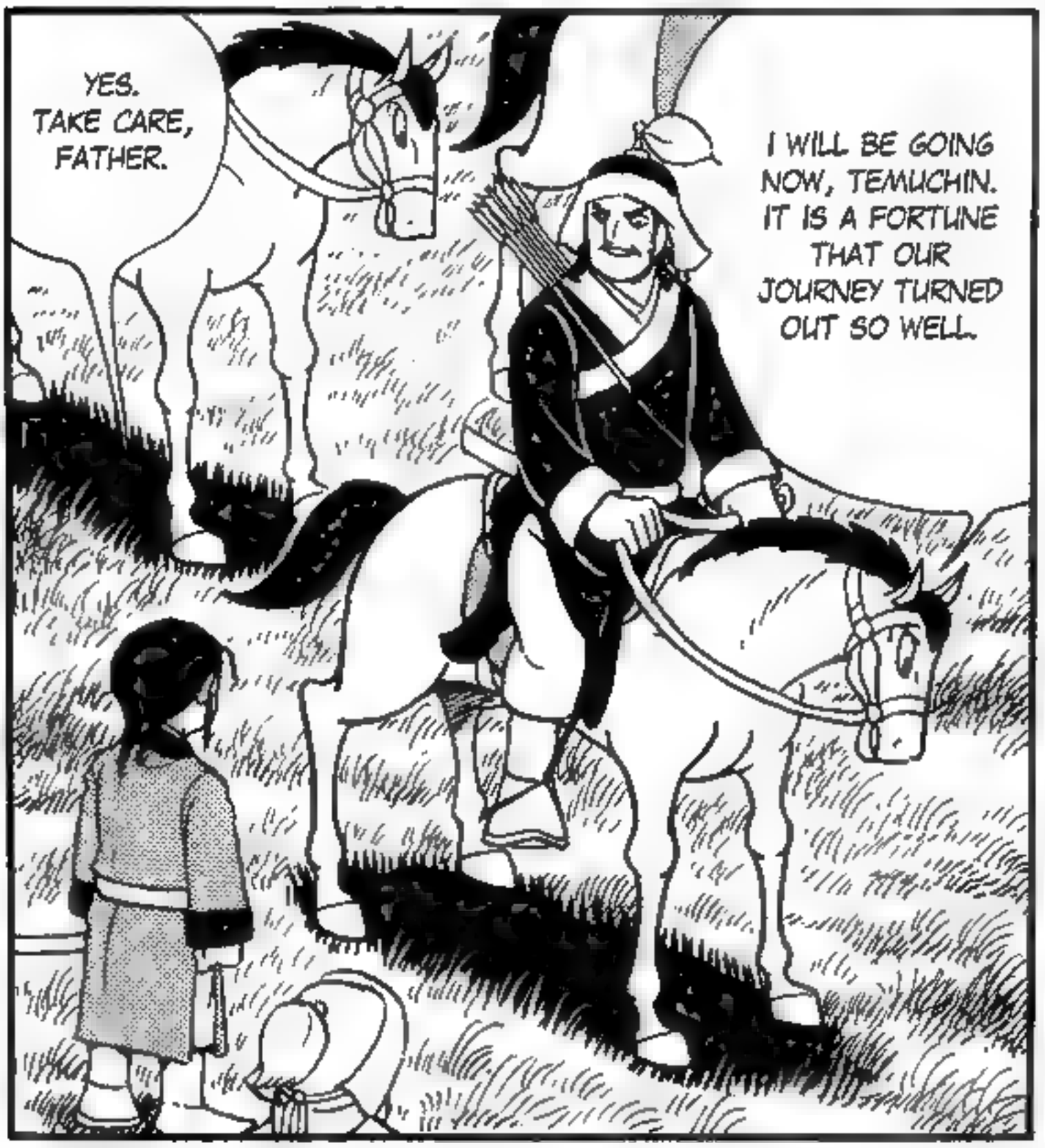
THE ONGGIRATS ARE ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL TRIBES OF THESE STEPPE. AN ALLIANCE WITH THEM IS NOT BAD AT ALL EITHER...

HEAR THAT, BÖRTE? I HAVE FOUND A HUSBAND FOR YOU!

WITH THE MARRIAGE NEGOTIATIONS COMPLETE, A FEAST WAS HELD FOR 3 DAYS AND NIGHTS

SAY NOTHING OF IT! WE ARE FAMILY NOW.
THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROUS RECEPTION, DAI-SECHEN.




YES. TAKE CARE, FATHER.
I WILL BE GOING NOW, TEMUCHIN. IT IS A FORTUNE THAT OUR JOURNEY TURNED OUT SO WELL.

WITH THAT, YISUGEI LEFT HIS SON BEHIND WITH THE FAMILY OF HIS FUTURE-BRIDE, IN ACCORDANCE TO MONGOLIAN CUSTOMS

LITTLE DID TEMUCHIN KNOW THAT THIS WOULD BE THE LAST TIME HE SAW HIS FATHER.

TEMUCHIN THUS BEGAN HIS NEW LIFE WITH THE ONGGIRATS.

?

TEMUCHIN, COME HERE FOR A MOMENT. I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?

JIN-MADE LAMELLAR SUIT, TO BE PRECISE.

YES, A FINE SUIT OF ARMOUR.

FEEL FREE TO TOUCH IT.

YES. MOST OF OUR ARMOUR IS MADE FROM HARDENED LEATHER, BUT THE JIN MAKE ALL THEIR ARMOUR WITH IRON.

IT'S ALL MADE OF IRON.

WHEREAS OUR ARMOUR IS VULNERABLE TO ARROWS, THEIRS IS IMPENETRABLE.

BUT IT IS NOT ONLY THEIR ARMOUR WHICH IS SUPERIOR, BUT THEIR ARMS AS WELL. THEY HAVE STRANGE MECHANICAL BOWS WITH WHICH THEY CAN SHOOT FARTHER THAN ANY OF OUR BOWS. SOME OF THESE "CROSSBOWS" CAN EVEN SHOOT TENS OF ARROWS AT ONCE.

A CULTURE FAR MORE ADVANCED THAN OURS LIE BEHIND THOSE GREAT WALLS.

THE ONGGIRAT TRIBE IS POWERFUL BECAUSE OF OUR TRADE WITH THE JIN. THIS SUIT OF ARMOUR WAS ALSO OBTAINED THROUGH TRADE WITH THEM.

WE PASTORALIST NOMADS ARE POOR COMPARED TO THEM. WE KILL AND STEAL FROM EACH OTHER BECAUSE WE ARE ALL SO POOR.

DO YOU KNOW WHY?

THE JIN KNOW THIS, AND USE THEIR WEALTH TO CONTROL TRIBES LIKE THE TATARS OR THE ONGGUTS.

THEY FEAR A UNITED AND POWERFUL CONFEDERATION IN THE STEPPE. THAT IS WHY THEY USE THEIR GOLD TO DIVIDE AND SOW HATRED AMONG THE NOMADS.

THE WORDS OF DAI SECHEN LEFT AN INDELIBLE IMPRESSION UPON TEMUCHIN.

IT IS... REGRETTABLE THAT I AM POWERLESS TO ACT, DESPITE KNOWING ALL OF THIS...

WE FIGHT BECAUSE WE ARE POOR... IS THAT HOW IT IS...?

HM? MORE GERS?

YES, BUT... IT IS THE LAW OF OUR PEOPLE TO PAY RESPECTS WHEN TRAVELLING... WE CANNOT BREAK THAT NOW.

THOSE ARE TATARS...

MOREOVER, IT WOULD NOT LOOK FAVOURABLY UPON ME IF OTHERS WERE TO HEAR THAT THE LEADER OF THE BORJIGIDS RAN AWAY FROM THE SIGHT OF TATARS.

DO NOT WORRY. THERE'S ONLY A FEW OF THEM.

NEVERTHELESS, PLEASE DO NOT LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, YISUGEI.

WHAT!?

HEY, LOOK! IT'S YISUGEI...

HM?

BUT OUR TRIBE WOULD BECOME DISRESPECTED BY ALL IF WE DISOBEY THE TIME-HONOURED TRADITION OF NOMAD HOSPITALITY. NOT ONLY THAT, YISUGEI HAS TOO MANY TRIBESMEN WITH HIM.

THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE FOR REVENGE.

THAT'S AN EXCELLENT IDEA!

OH, WE'LL TREAT THEM LAVISHLY ALRIGHT... WITH A SPECIAL POISON THAT'LL TAKE EFFECT 2 OR 3 DAYS FROM NOW. NO ONE WILL KNOW WE WERE RESPONSIBLE.

WELCOME. SIT DOWN WITH US SO THAT WE CAN EAT AND DRINK TOGETHER!

AS TRAVELLERS, WE HAVE COME TO PAY OUR RESPECTS UPON SEEING YOUR GERS.

THE TATARS PREPARED A GRAND FEAST FOR YISUGEI AND HIS MEN.

THANK YOU.

HERE, HAVE ANOTHER DRINK.

NO NEED FOR RESTRAINT! DRINK TO YOUR HEARTS' CONTENT!

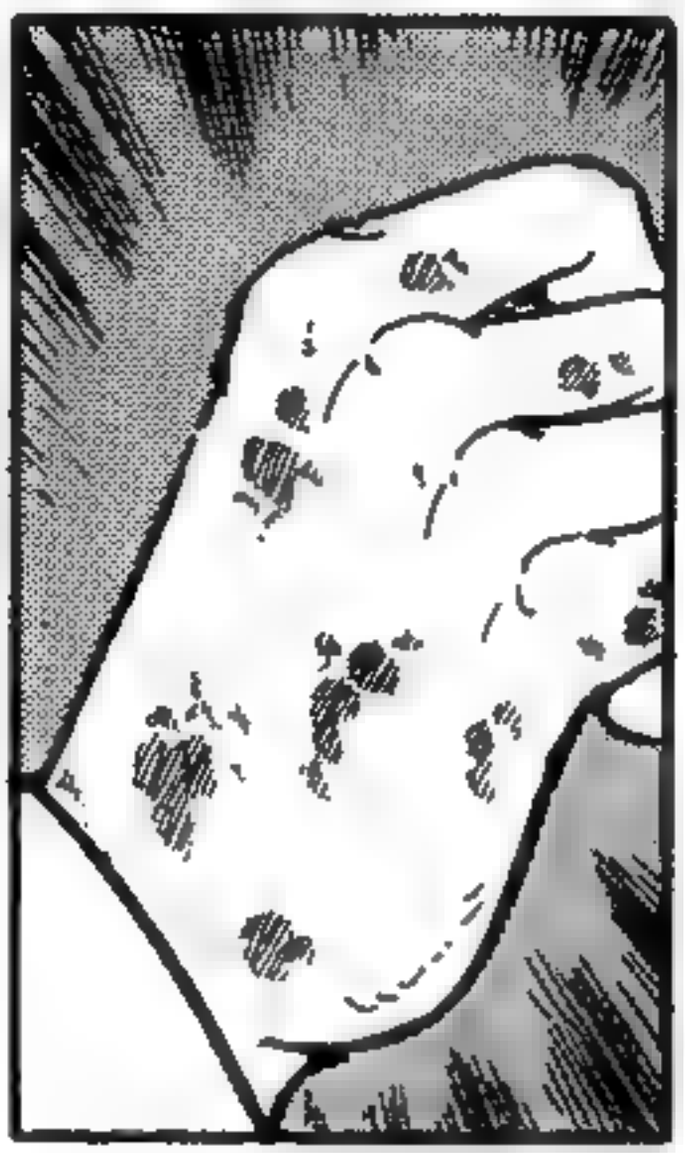
WE HAVE ONLY ACTED IN ACCORDANCE TO PROPER CUSTOMS. YOU NEED NOT THANK US.
THANKS TO YOUR KIND HOSPITALITY, OUR WEARINESS FROM THE LONG JOURNEY IS A THING OF THE PAST.

YISUGEI AND HIS MEN RODE BLISSFULLY UNAWARE THAT THEIR DRINKS HAD BEEN SPIKED WITH POISON THE FIRST DAY PASSED WITH NO INCIDENT.

ON THE 2ND DAY SINCE MEETING WITH THE TATARS, THEY BEGAN TO FEEL A GENERAL MALAISE.

BUT ON THE THIRD DAY ..

WHAT'S WITH THESE BLOTCHES?



HMM...?

S... SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH MY B-BODY! GIVE ME MEDICINE!

UGH... I... I'M ACHING ALL OVER...!

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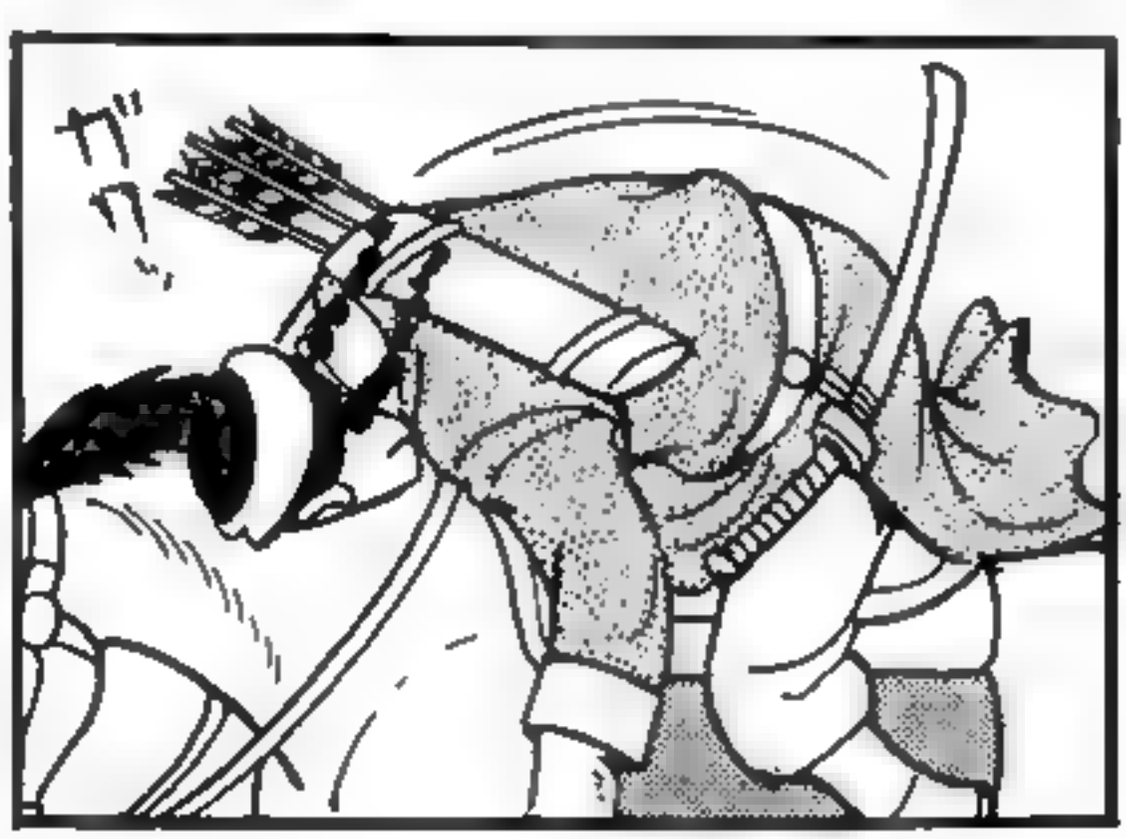
YOU AS WELL...!?

SPLURT!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AGHH!

NGHH...

THE TATARS MUST HAVE POISONED US...!

BUT HIS TRIBES-MEN HAD ALREADY BREATHED THEIR LAST.

WE HAVE TO QUICKLY HEAD BACK!

CURSE THOSE COWARDLY TATARS!

HAVING HAD A HEARTY CONSTITUTION FOR MOST OF HIS LIFE, YISUGEI ALONE MANAGED TO MAKE IT BACK ALIVE TO HIS TRIBE'S CAMP.

WHO ELSE?

YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR WIFE ARE SITTING RIGHT HERE.

IS... ANYONE THERE...?

MÖNGLIK IS HERE TOO.

YES?

MÖNGLIK...

OF COURSE.

GO TO THE ONGGIRATS AND BRING BACK MY SON, TEMUCHIN...

MÖNGLIK QUICKLY RUSHED TO FIND THE ONGGIRATS.

NGHH!

TEMUCHIN MUST SUCCEED AFTER ME...

FATHER!

YISUGEI!!

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YISUGEI!!

FATHER!

FATHER!

BUT YISUGEI DREW HIS LAST BREATH BEFORE HE COULD SEE TEMUCHIN.

The Abandoned Family

YES. YISUGEI'S FALLEN GRAVELY ILL AND URGENTLY WISHES TO MEET WITH HIS SON.

YOU'VE COME TO TAKE TEMUCHIN BACK?

THANK YOU.

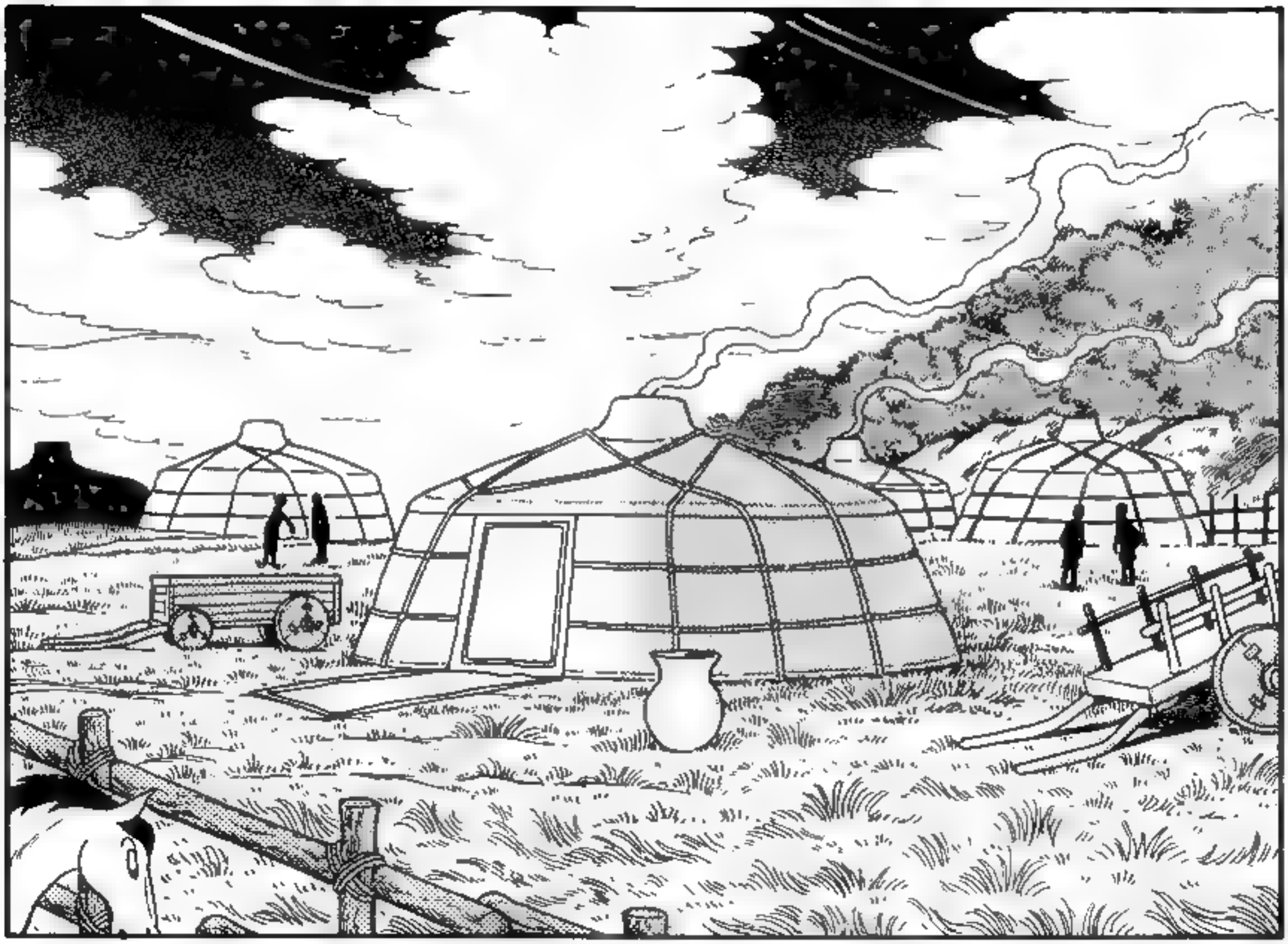
YES.

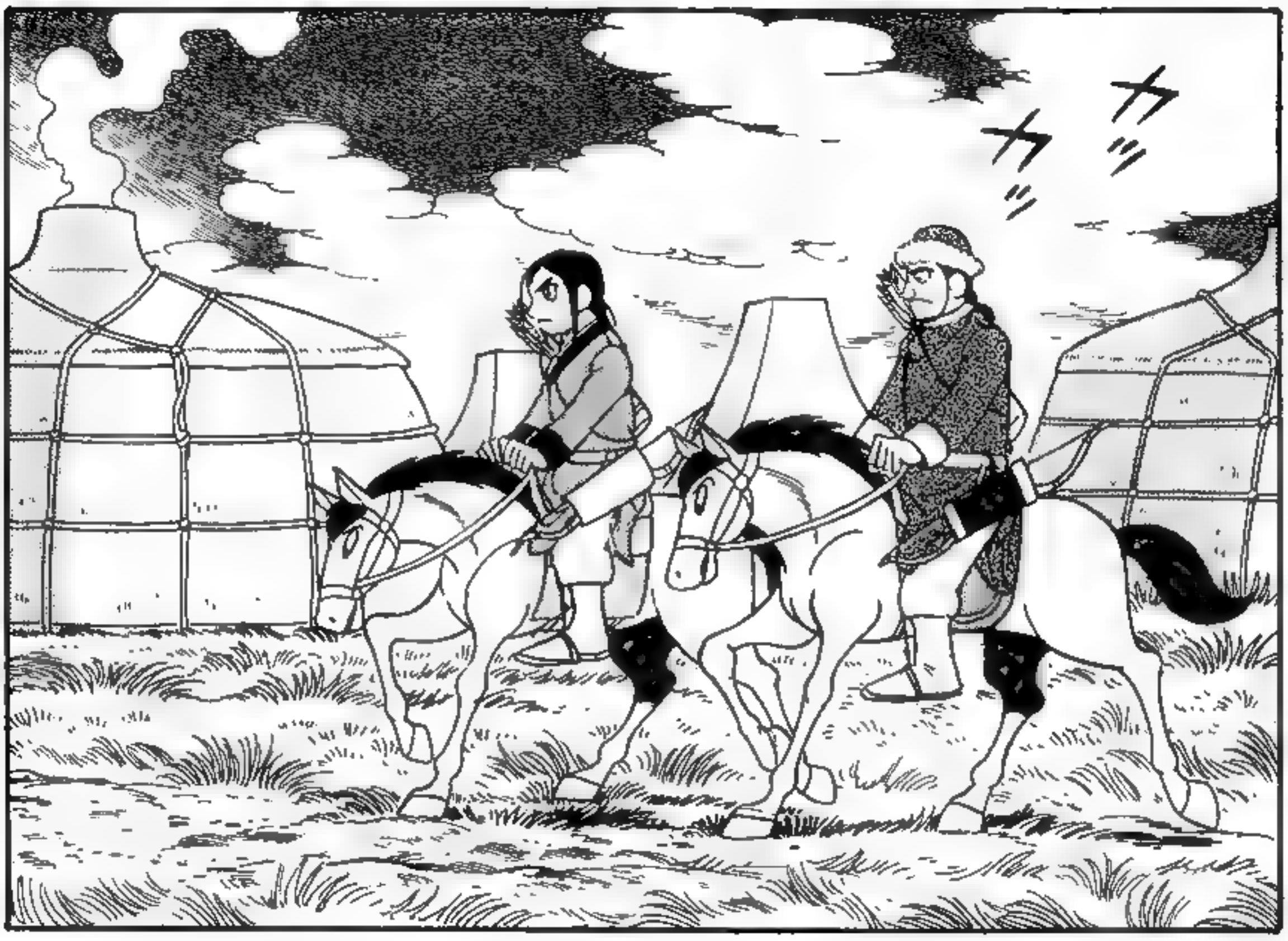
WELL, I SUPPOSE I CAN'T REFUSE TO A CASE LIKE THAT. YOU MAY GO SEE YOUR FATHER, TEMUCHIN.

YES, DEAR.

BÖRTE, I'LL RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ONCE MY FATHER RECOVERS.

TEMUCHIN AND MÖNGLIK QUICKLY HEADED BACK.





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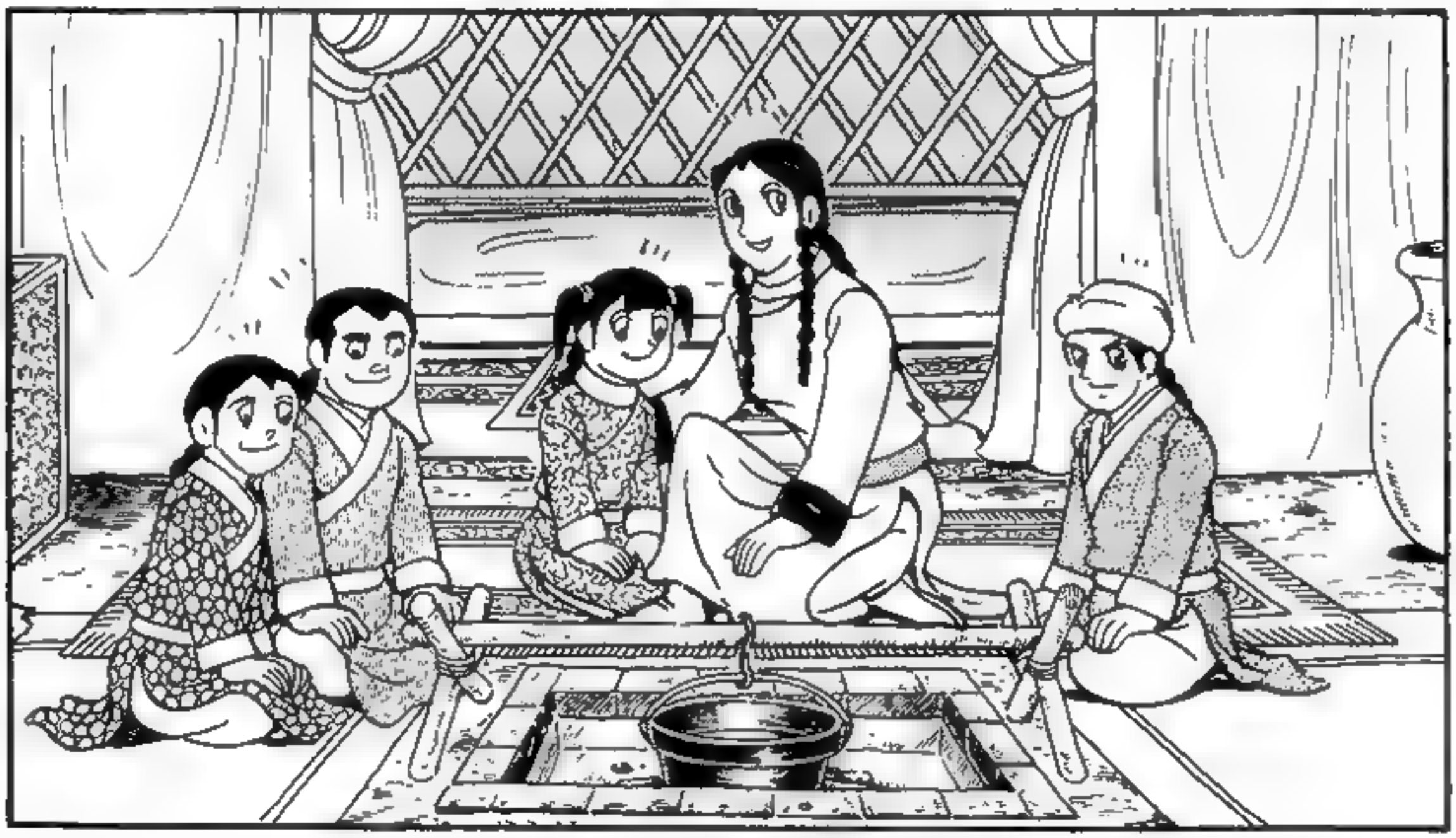


HE... PASSED AWAY SHORTLY AFTER SENDING MÖNGLIK TO GET YOU.

WHERE'S FATHER?

ON HIS WAY BACK HERE AFTER LEAVING YOU WITH THE ONGGIRATS, HE AND HIS FELLOW TRIBESMEN DRANK WINE POISONED BY THE TATARS. HE WAS THE ONLY ONE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO MAKE IT BACK HERE TO TELL THE TALE, BUT EVEN HE SUCCUMBED TO THE POISON SHORTLY AFTER.

WHAT!?

THE MAN I LOOKED UP TO... THE STRONG AND CONFIDENT LEADER OF OUR TRIBE... MY FATHER...

H... HE'S... DEAD...?

FATHER!

FATHER!

CRY YOUR HEART OUT, MY SON. WHEN YOU HAVE NO MORE TEARS LEFT, STAND AND BECOME A WORTHY SUCCESSOR TO YOUR FATHER.

WHAT!?

ALREADY, THE HEAD OF THE TAYICHI'UT TRIBE, TARKUTAI, IS CLAIMING THAT ONLY HE IS FIT TO BE THE NEXT KHAN OF THE KHAMAG MONGOLS. THE TRIBAL ELDERS ARE STARTING TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE AS WELL.

HE'S A RESPECTED AND POWERFUL TAYICHI'UT NOBLEMAN. HE'S LIKELY TO HAVE MANY SUPPORTERS FOR HIS CLAIM.

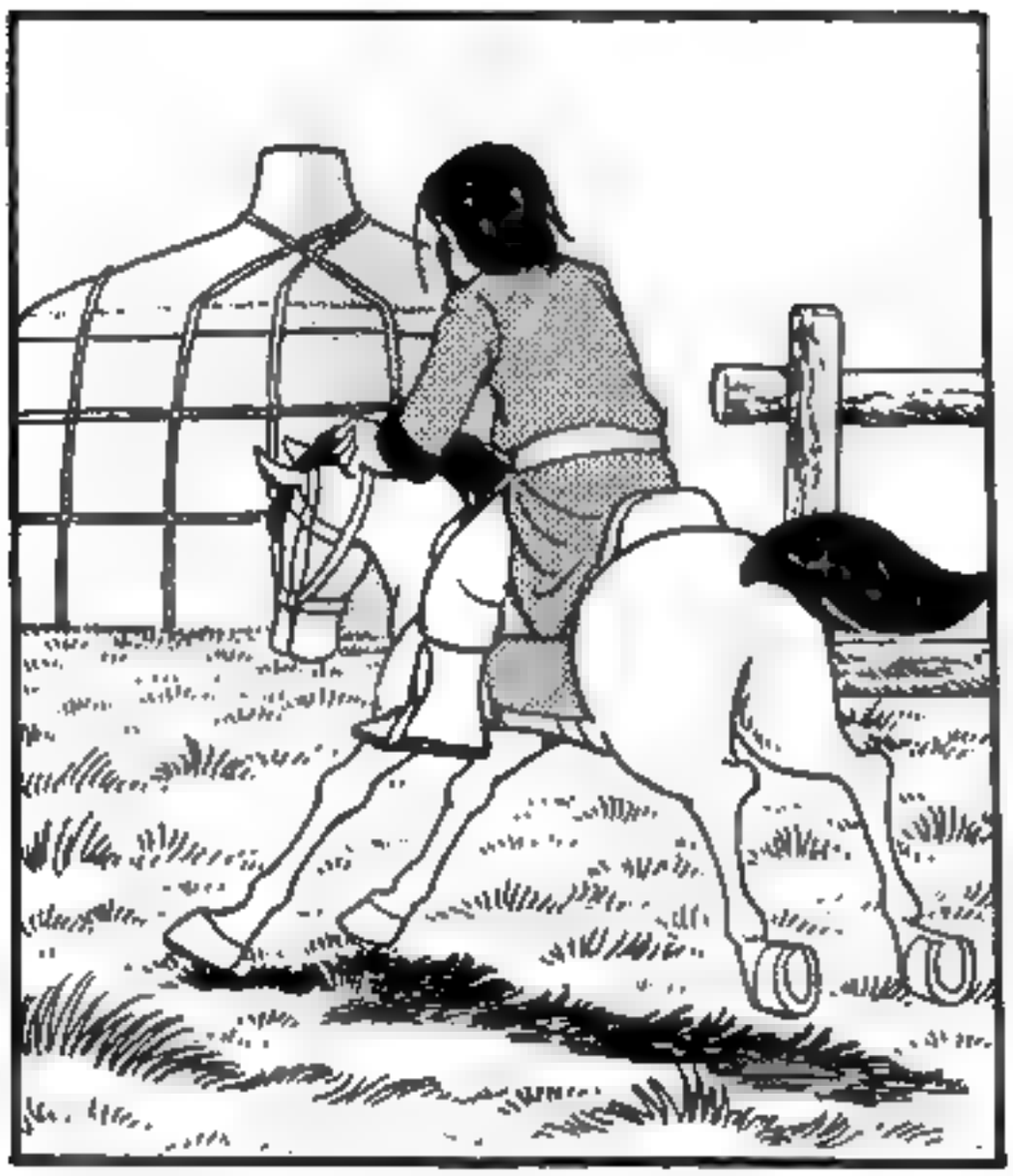
TARKUTAI SAID THAT!?

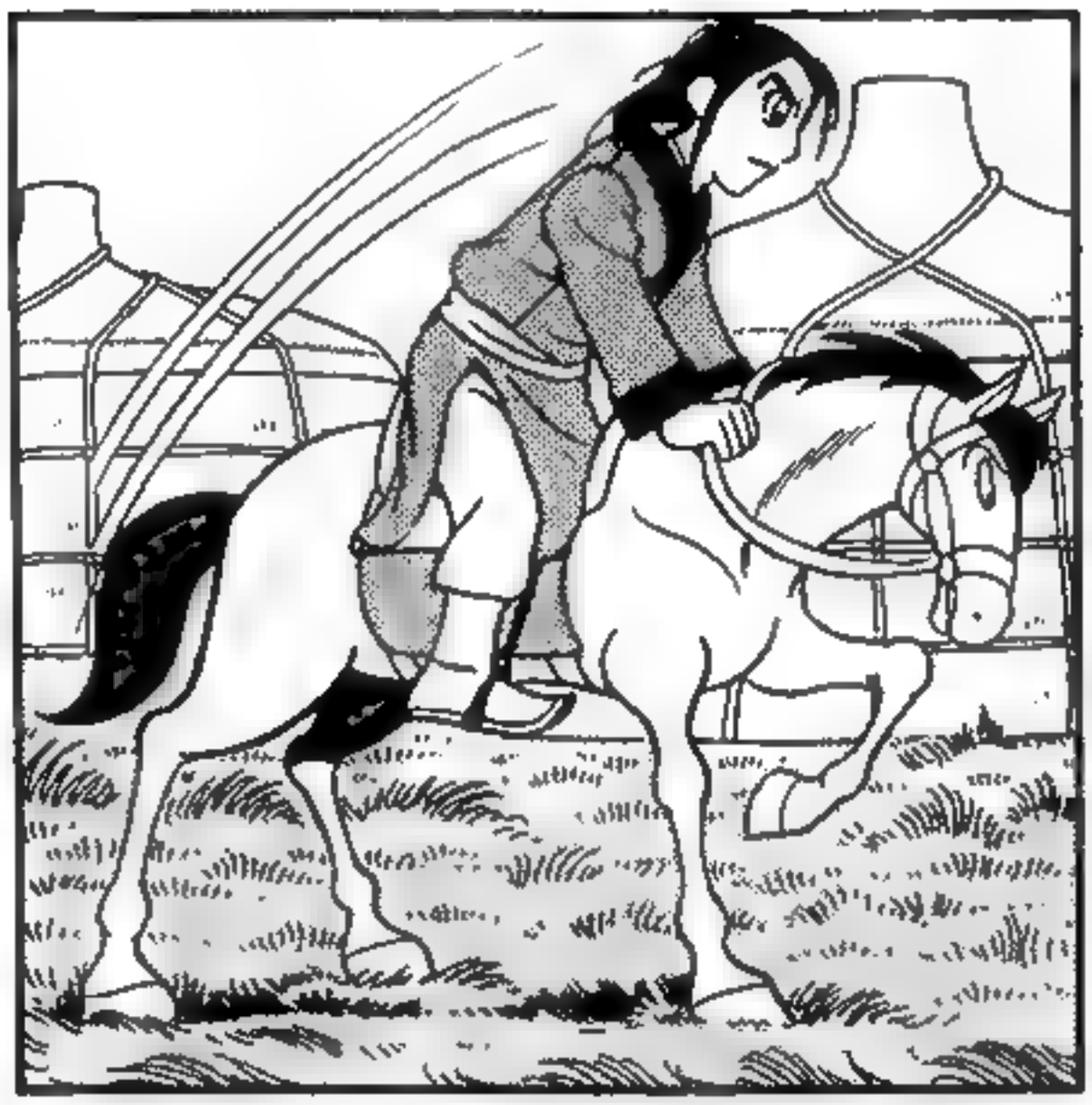
WE MONGOLS HAVE OUR RULES AND TRADITIONS TO UPHOLD. I WON'T JUST LET HIM HAVE HIS WAY.

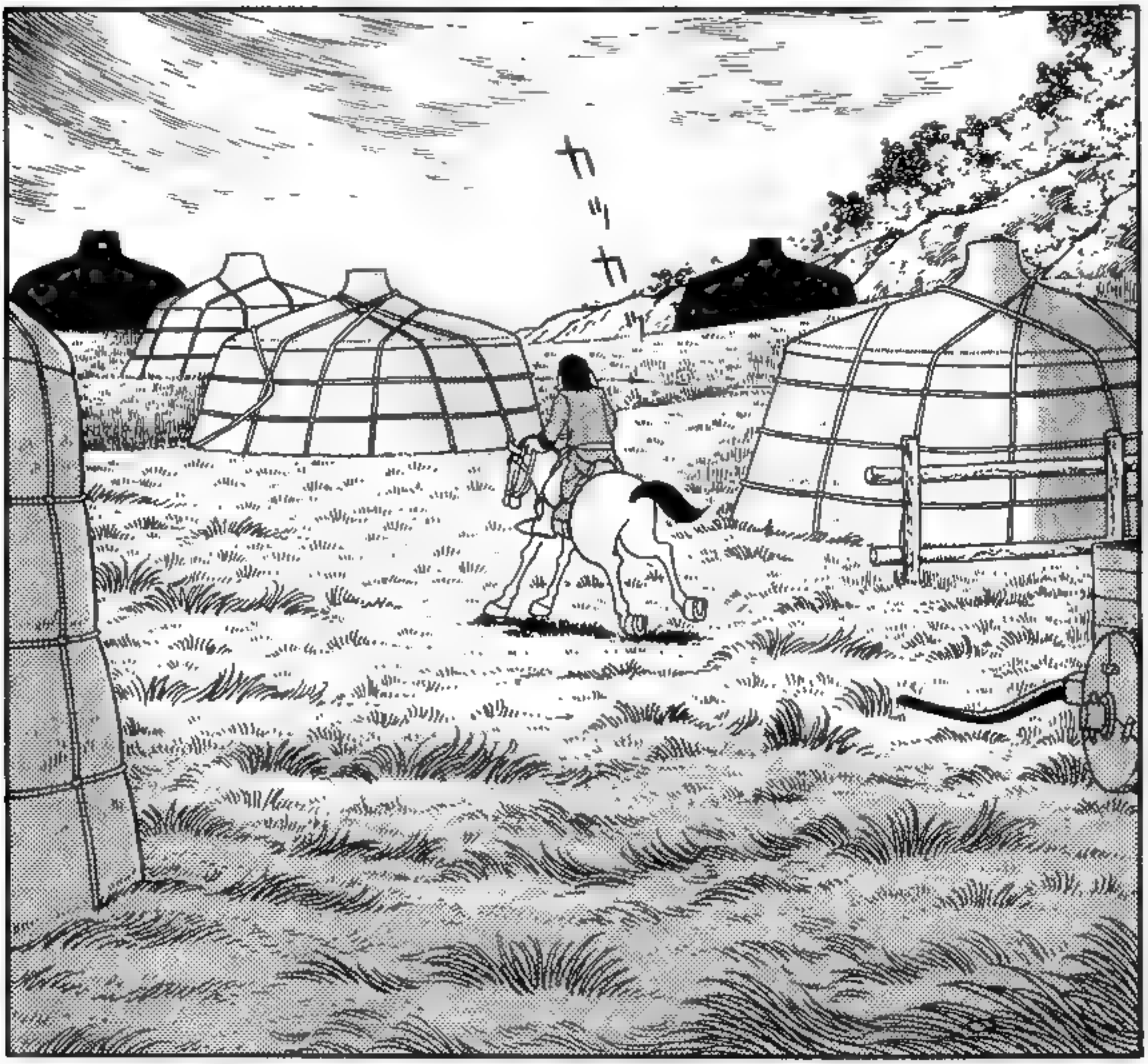
FATHER ONCE TOLD ME THAT THE TAYICHI'UT WERE ALREADY BECOMING BRAZEN AND NEEDED TO BE CRUSHED... HE WAS RIGHT...

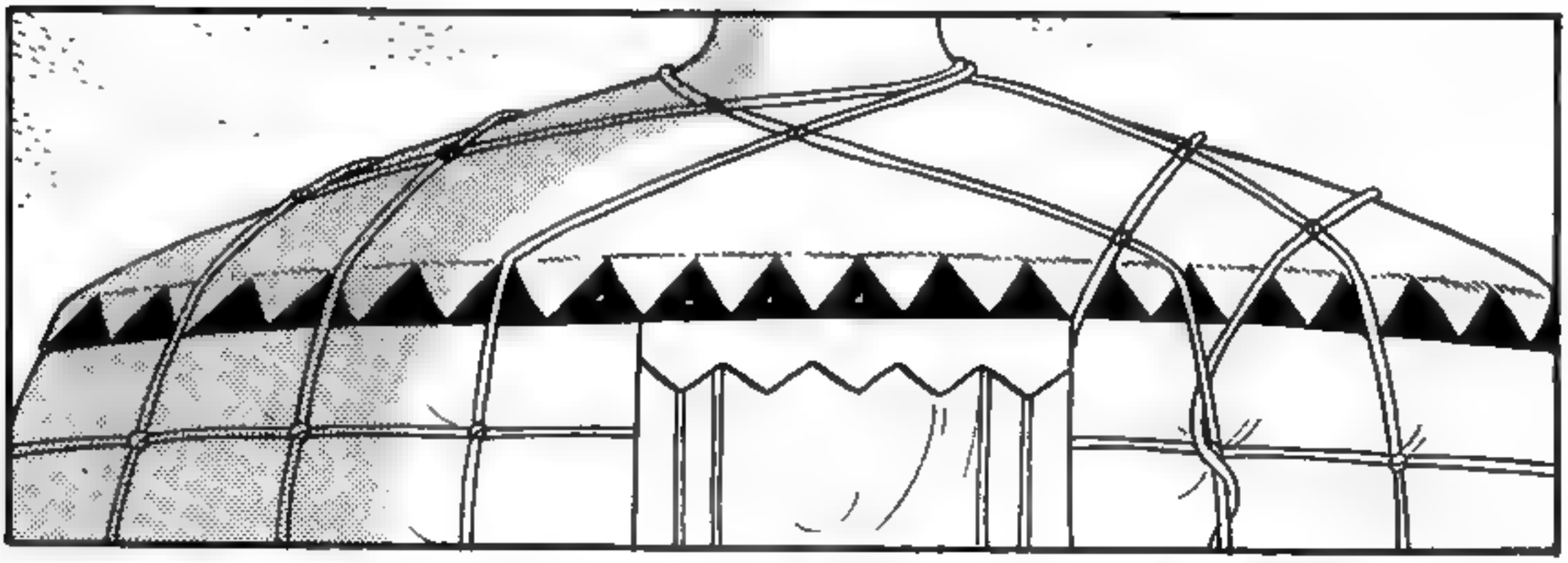
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, TEMUCHIN?

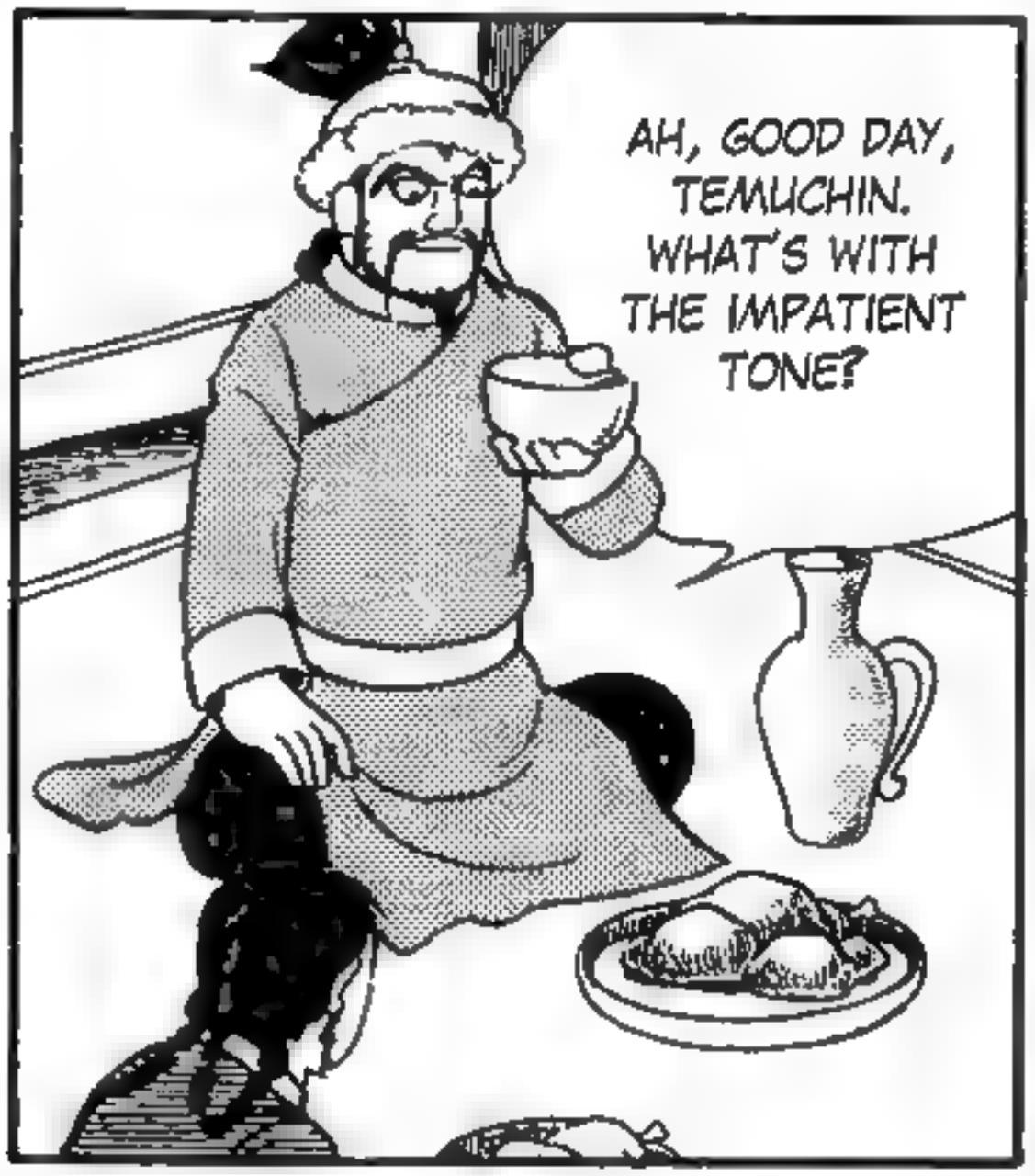
I AM GOING TO LAY DOWN THE LAW WITH TARKUTAI.

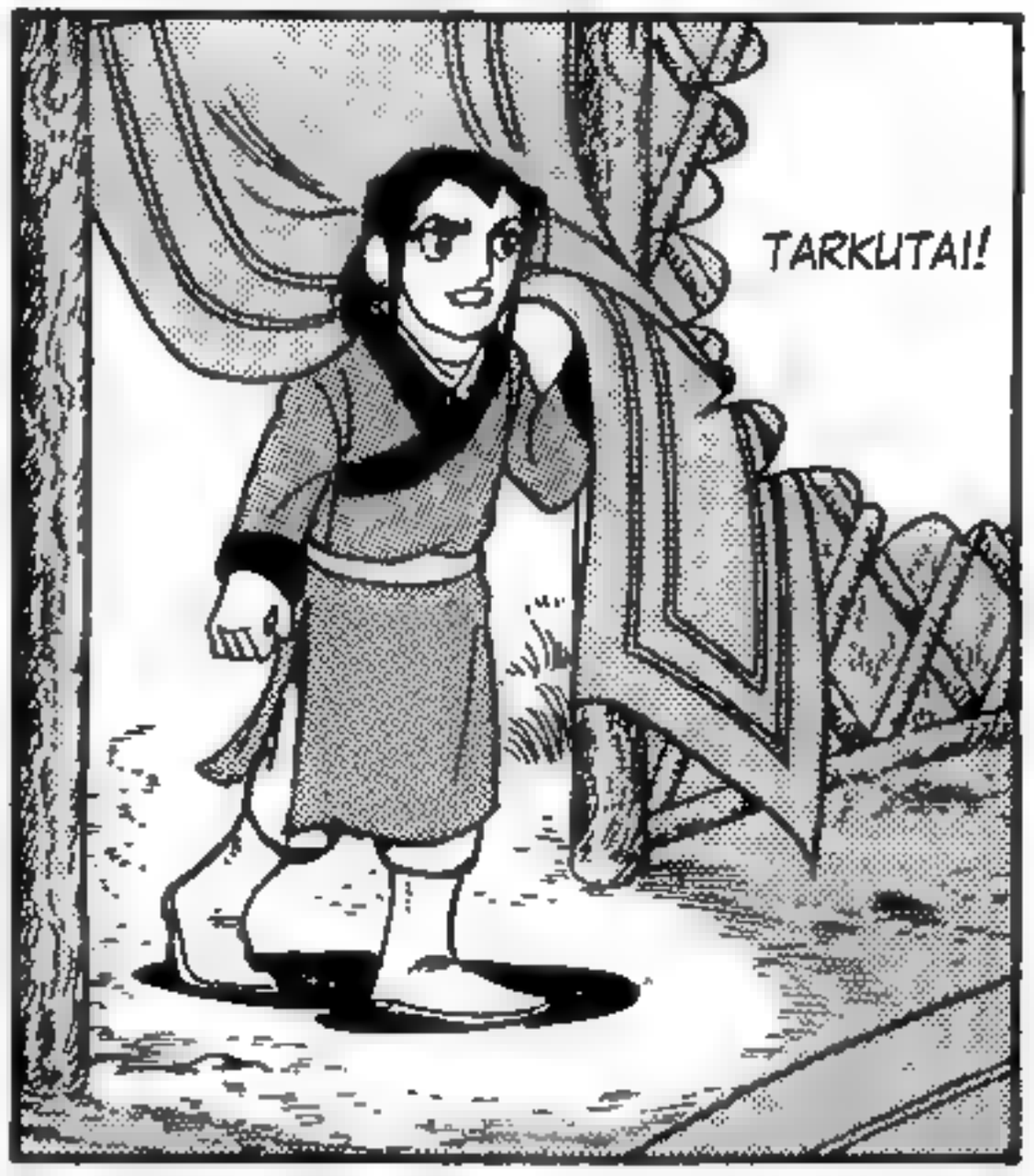


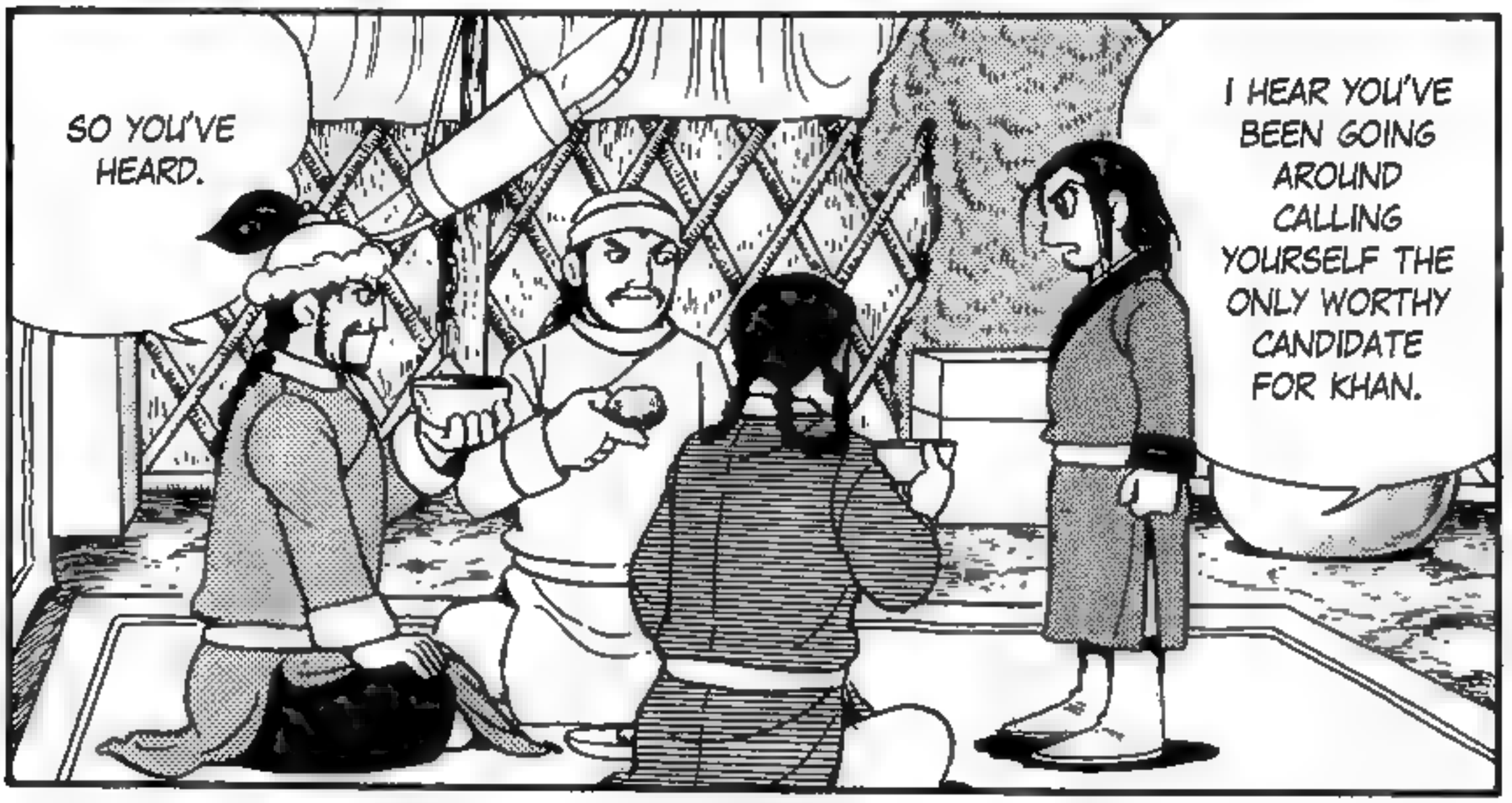







AH, GOOD DAY, TEMUCHIN. WHAT'S WITH THE IMPATIENT TONE?


TARKUTAI!


SO YOU'VE HEARD.
I HEAR YOU'VE BEEN GOING AROUND CALLING YOURSELF THE ONLY WORTHY CANDIDATE FOR KHAN.

THE NEXT KHAN OF THE MONGOLS WILL BE ME!

WE TAYICHI'UT BOAST THE GREATEST PEDIGREE AMONG THE MONGOLIAN TRIBES SO IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT I BECOME THE NEXT KHAN, LIKE MY ANCESTOR AMBAKAI BEFORE ME.

YOU'RE JUST A BOY 9 YEARS OF AGE, TEMUCHIN. DO YOU REALLY THINK A BOY LIKE YOU CAN PROTECT THE LIVES AND WEALTH OF US MONGOLS?

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YES, THAT'S RIGHT! SO DON'T YOU DARE TRY TO PULL ANY STUNTS BEFORE THEY REACH THEIR DECISION!

IN ANY CASE, IT WILL BE THE TRIBAL ELDERS WHO'LL DECIDE THE NEXT KHAN.

GOOD. THE LAWS MUST BE UPHELD.

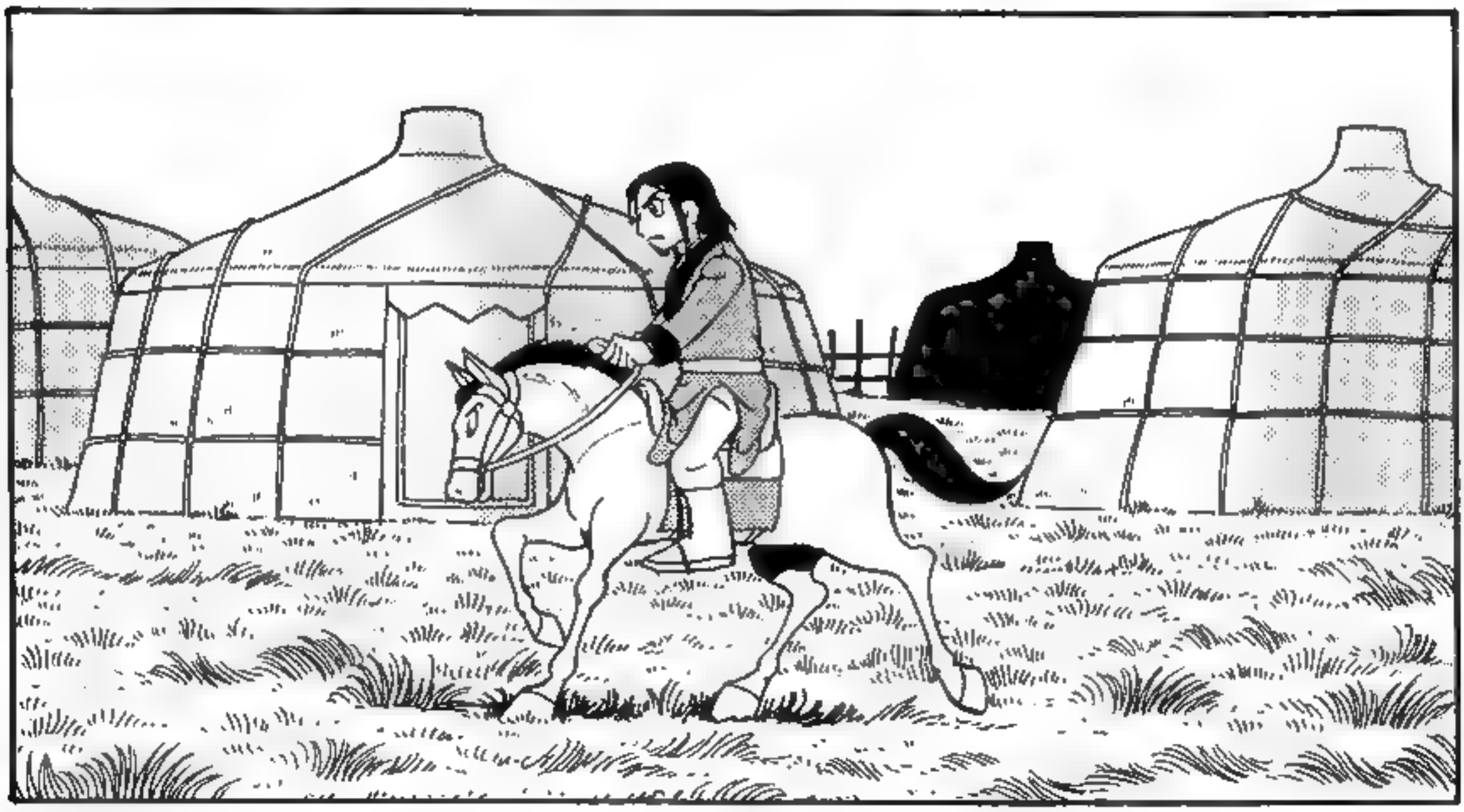
HAHAHA! FINE, FINE... I WILL MAKE NO MOVES UNTIL THE ELDERS COME TO A DECISION.

IF YOU BREAK THE LAWS, YOU WILL BE PUNISHED...!

WELL THEN, GO HOME FOR YOUR NAP TIME, LITTLE BOY.

AHAHAHA!
HAHAHA!

TEMUCHIN FELT AN INDESCRIB ABLY STRONG SENSE OF HUMILIATION.



THAT'S RIGHT.

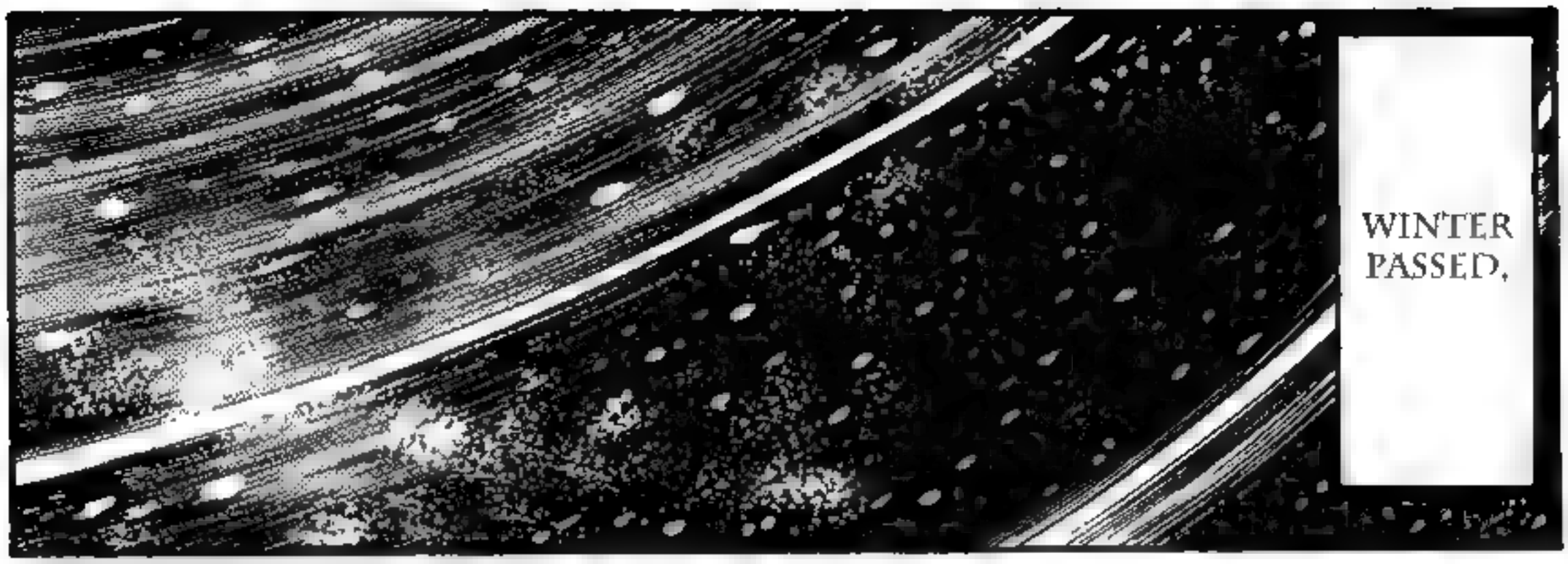
AS IF THE ELDERS WOULD ENTRUST THE FATE OF THE KHANATE TO SOME 9 YEAR OLD BRAT! THEY'LL BE SURE TO VOTE FOR ME.

STILL, I DON'T THINK TEMUCHIN'S ONE TO TAKE IT LYING DOWN. HE'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER BOYS HIS AGE. PERHAPS IT'D BE BETTER TO KILL HIM NOW BEFORE HE GROWS INTO A BIG THORN IN THE FUTURE.

A BIRD CANNOT FLY WITH ITS WINGS CUT.

AH YES, REDUCING THEM TO DESTITUTION, EH?

A STEPPE WARRIOR DOES NOT KILL CHILDREN, ONLY ADULTS ARE WORTH KILLING. BESIDES, THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO ENSURE YISUGEI'S FAMILY WILL LOSE THEIR POWER, SUCH AS BEING ABANDONED BY THEIR TRIBESMEN...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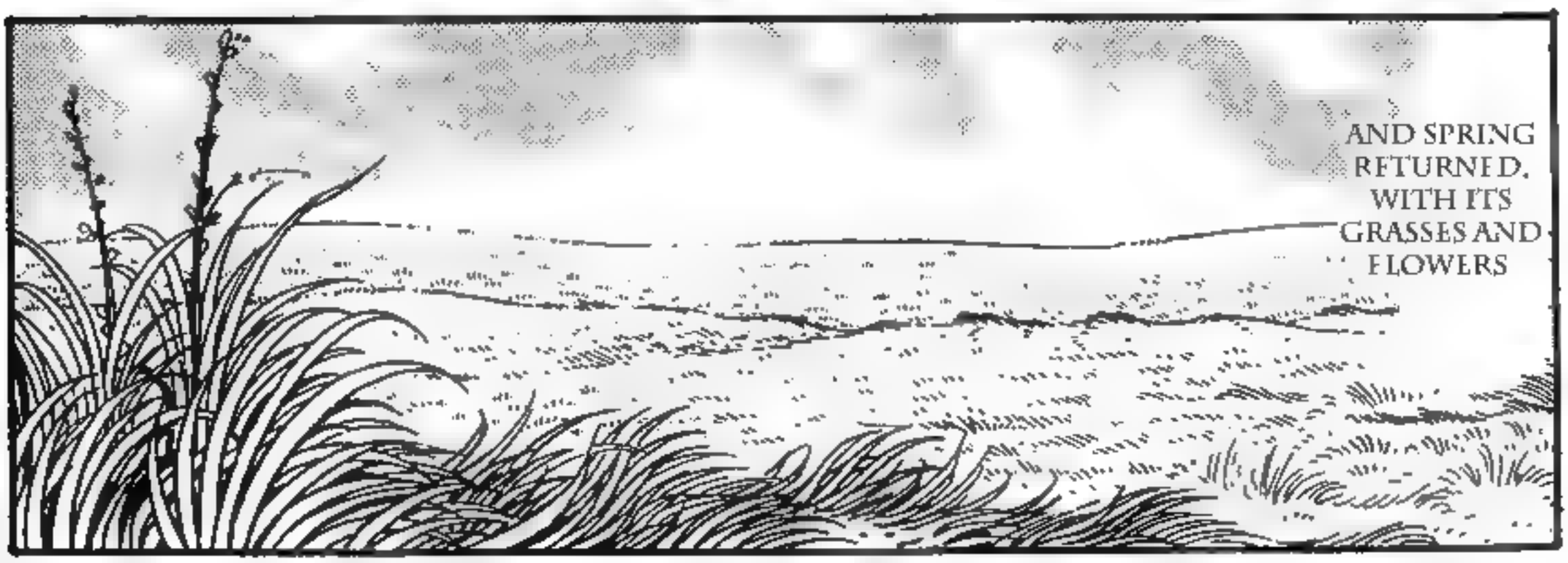
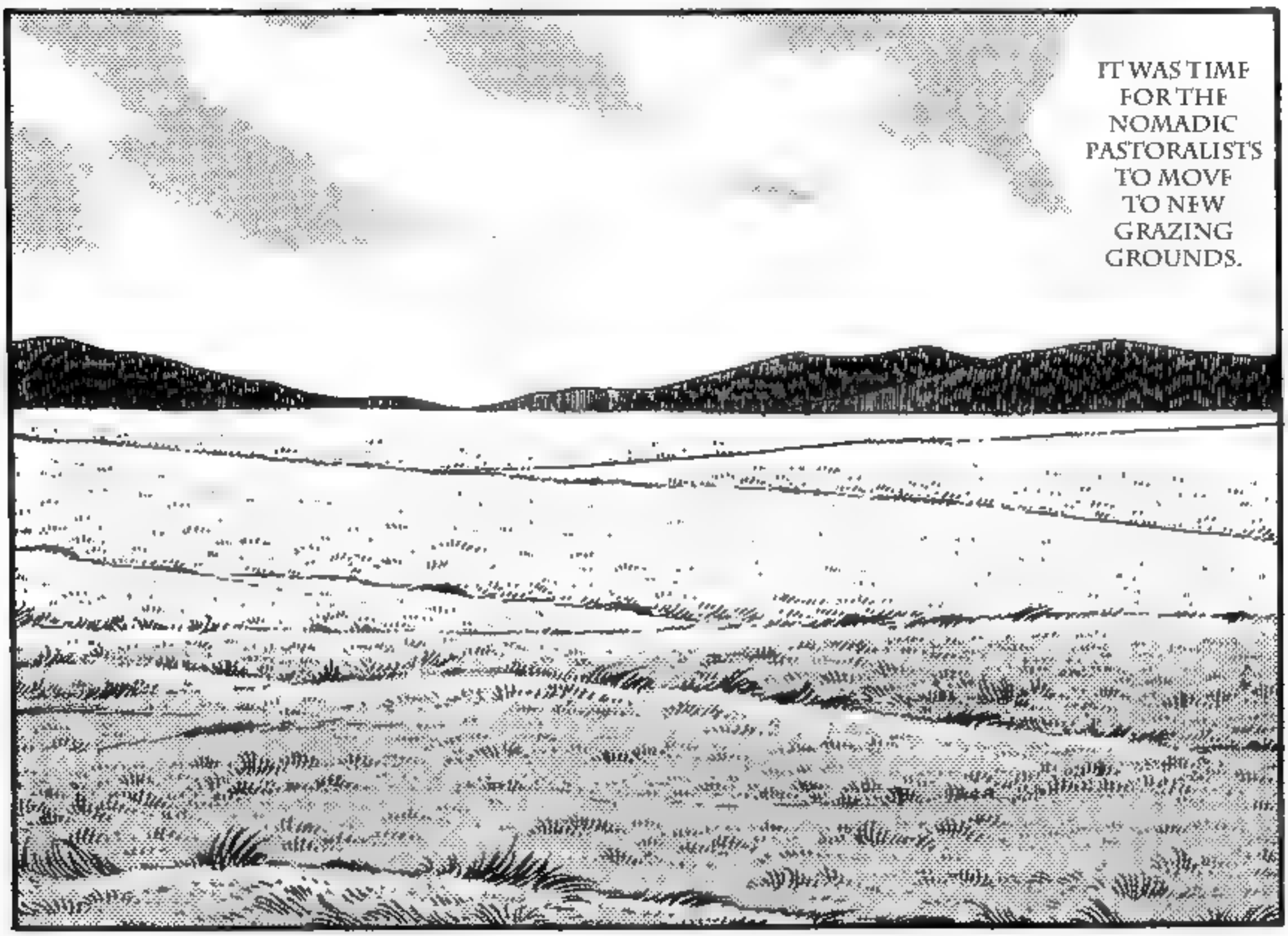

AND SPRING RETURNED, WITH ITS GRASSES AND FLOWERS


IT WAS TIME FOR THE NOMADIC PASTORALISTS TO MOVE TO NEW GRAZING GROUNDS.

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WHAT IS IT, KASAR?

MOTHER!

BUT I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT MOVING TODAY!

WHAT!?

THE WHOLE TRIBE IS MOVING FOR NEW GRAZING LANDS!

WHAT!? SINCE WHEN DID TARKUTAI BECOME THE NEW LEADER OF OUR TRIBE!?

I HEAR IT WAS TARKUTAI'S ORDERS.

I WILL GO OUT AND TRY TO GATHER THE PEOPLE UNDER OUR TRIBAL STANDARD!

WHAT WILL YOU DO, MOTHER?

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WHILE THIS STANDARD IS IN OUR FAMILY'S POSESSION, THEY CANNOT DISOBEY US!

HALT! HALT!

UNDER WHOSE ORDERS DO YOU MOVE!? ONLY THE KHAN HAS THE RIGHT TO ORDER THE SEASONAL MIGRATION! DO YOU NOT SEE THIS STANDARD, WHOSE OWNER YOU MUST FOLLOW?

THE ONE WHO SPOKE OUT WAS MÖNGLIK'S FATHER, CHARAKHA.

SHE'S RIGHT! THE ELDERS HAVE NOT DECIDED ON THE NEXT KHAN YET SO WE CANNOT MOVE!

LAKES DRY UP AND BOULDERS SPLIT. CHANGE IS INEVITABLE, OLD MAN. WE CANNOT ENTRUST OUR FATE TO A MERE CHILD.

SHUT UP, YOU OLD FOOL!

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHO YOU ARE INDEBTED TO!? IN THESE TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY, WE MUST NOT SPLINTER!

AHH!

SURVIVAL ON THE STEPPE IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH SUCH NAIVETÉ!

THOSE WHO WISH TO STARVE CAN REMAIN! OTHERWISE, LET US MOVE ONWARDS!

COWARDS! INGRATES! TRAITORS! HOW DARE YOU DEFY THIS STANDARD!

CHARAKHA...

NO, YOU DID MORE THAN ENOUGH. ALL IS AS HEAVEN WILLS.

H... HÖ'ELLIN... FORGIVE ME FOR... BEING SO USELESS...

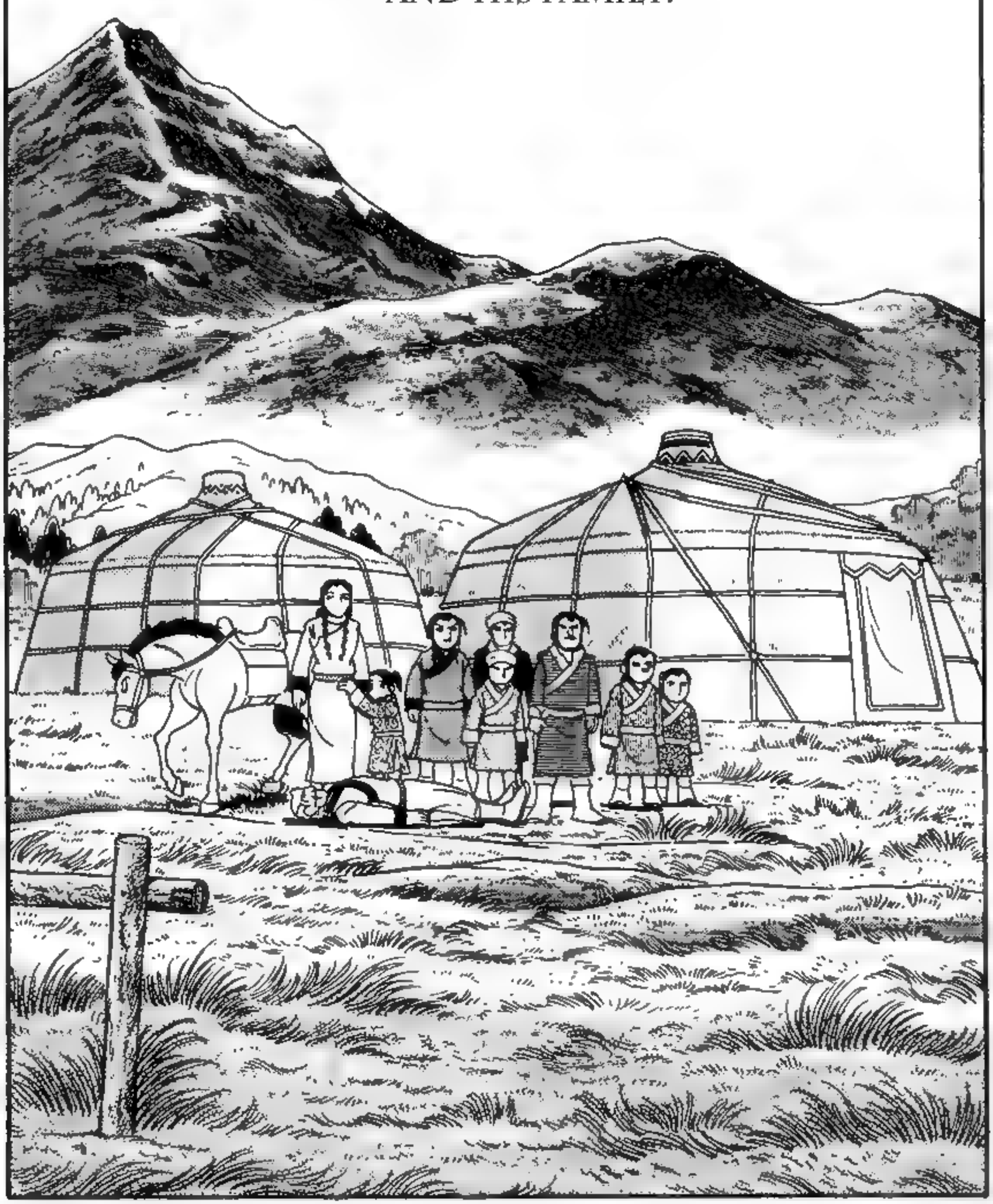
CHARAKHA!

I SHALL NOT FORGET THIS BETRAYAL, TARKUTAI... YOU AND YOUR TAYICHI'UT WILL BE PUNISHED, MARK MY WORDS...

I WILL NEVER FORGET YOUR LOYALTY, CHARAKHA...

BUT TO THINK MÖNGLIK WOULD GO WITH THE TAYICHI'UT EVEN AFTER SEEING HIS FATHER MURDERED BEFORE HIS OWN EYES...

LEFT BEHIND WITH
ONLY TWO GERS
WERE TEMUCHIN
AND HIS FAMILY.



Family Feud

LIFE WAS HARSH FOR THE ABANDONED FAMILY. AS THE NEW HEAD OF HIS HOUSEHOLD, TEMUCHIN BORE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROVIDING FOOD FOR HIS MOTHER, STEP-MOTHER, AND 6 SIBLINGS.

HE ORDERED HIS BROTHERS TO DO THEIR PART IN GATHERING FOOD.

EVERY SPARE MOMENT THEY HAD WAS DEVOTED TO FISHING OR HUNTING.

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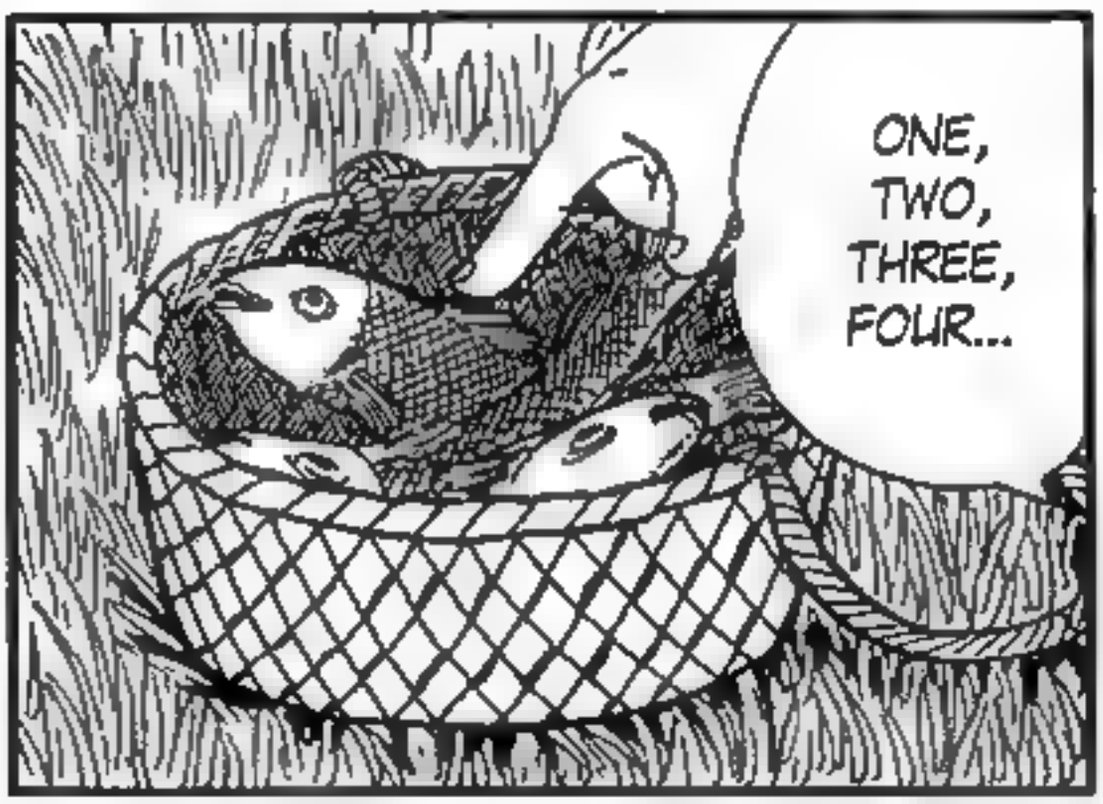
HARSH AS THEIR LIFE WAS, IT NEVERTHELESS SPURRED YISUGEI'S CHILDREN TO BECOME HARDY SURVIVORS. THE SECOND-BORN KASAR BECAME ESPECIALLY SKILLED WITH THE BOW.

EEP!


ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR...

A FEW MORE AND I CAN GIVE EVERYONE ONE FISH EACH!

YAY, I CAUGHT ANOTHER ONE!

BEKHTER AND BELGUTEI WERE THE SONS OF YISUGEI'S SECOND WIFE.

OH HI, BROTHER BEKHTER AND BELGUTEI.

HEY THERE, TEMUGE. ARE THE FISH BITIN'?

LISTEN, TEMUGE. WE'RE OLDER AND BIGGER THAN YOU KIDS SO IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT WE EAT MORE THAN YOU. SO WE'LL BE TAKING THESE FISH.

JUST A FEW MORE AND I CAN GIVE ONE FISH EACH TO EVERYONE!

LOOK, I TOLD YOU. WE'RE BIGGER SO WE NEED MORE THAN YOU KIDS.

NO, YOU CAN'T! THEY'RE FOR EVERYONE!

NO!

LET GO!

TEMUCHIN WILL GET MAD IF YOU DO THIS...

WHAT, ARE YOU GOING AGAINST YOUR OLDER BROTHERS!?

A YOUNGER BROTHER WHO WON'T LISTEN TO HIS OLDER BROTHERS NEEDS TO BE PUNISHED.

NOT ONLY WERE BEKHTER AND BELGUTEI OLDER AND STRONGER, THEY ALSO POSSESSED A ROUGH DOMINEERING STREAK.

HOPEFULLY, YOU'VE LEARNED WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DISOBEY YOUR OLDER BROTHERS.

SURE.
LET'S GO GRILL THESE UP, BELGUTEI.

"TEMUCHIN WILL GET MAD." HAHAHA, AS IF I'D SERIOUSLY LET THAT BRAT BOSS ME AROUND...

SNIFF SNIFF

BROTHER?

WHAT'S WRONG, TEMUGE?

THERE, THERE. TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED.

WAHHH!

BROTHER!

BEKHTER STOLE ALL THE FISH I CAUGHT!

MM HMM...

WAS HE THE ONE WHO BEAT YOU UP?

OK...

DON'T WORRY, I'LL SEE TO IT THAT THEY'RE PUNISHED.

BEKHTER AND BELGUTEI DID THAT?

ARE YOU PERMITTING THEIR ACTIONS, MOTHER?

I TRY TO RAISE ALL YOU BOYS EQUALLY, BUT IT'S CLEAR THOSE TWO BOYS MUST HAVE BEEN STARVING, SINCE THEY ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THEIR GROWTH SPURTS.

THAT'S NOT ALL, EITHER. LATELY, THEY REFUSE TO FOLLOW MY ORDERS AND WON'T WORK AT ALL.

I AM NOT "PERMITTING" IT. I'LL HAVE A TALK WITH THEM.

OUR FAMILY HAS NO COMPANIONS EXCEPT OUR SHADOWS AND ONLY A HORSE'S TAIL FOR A WHIP. NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO BICKER AMONGST OURSELVES, TEMUCHIN. ALL 9 OF US MUST WORK TOGETHER TO SURVIVE. REMEMBER THAT, MY SON.

UNDERSTOOD, MOTHER.

REST ASSURED, I AND THEIR MOTHER WILL HAVE A TALK WITH THEM.

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EEP!

THIS'LL HELP WITH OUR FAMILY'S DINNER TONIGHT.

HEH, YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM THE GREAT MARKSMAN KASAR THAT EASILY!

YEAH, A SMALL ONE, THOUGH.

OH, YOU CAUGHT A HARE, KASAR?

ARE YOU DISOBEYING ME?

NO, IT'S FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

HAND IT OVER.

NO, YOU'RE NOT! OUR FATHER SAID TEMUCHIN WILL BE THE ONE TO SUCCEED AFTER HIM!

LOOK, I'M THE HEAD OF THIS FAMILY FROM NOW ON SO YOU'VE GOTTA DO WHAT I SAY.

HAHAHA, LOOKS LIKE YOU STILL HAVEN'T GRASPED OUR SITUATION. OUR FAMILY AIN'T GOT NO ALLIES, ONLY ENEMIES. TOUGH TIMES LIKE THESE REQUIRE THE BIG AND STRONG TO BE LEADERS. YOU THINK A RUNT LIKE TEMUCHIN CAN PROTECT THIS FAMILY?

YOU'RE NOT THE ONE WHO GETS TO DECIDE THAT!

SO FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE TO TREAT ME AS THE HEAD OF THIS FAMILY. GOT THAT!?

I KNOW THAT, BUT WE'RE NOT EAGLES. WE'RE HUMANS.

ONLY THE STRONG CAN SURVIVE ON THE STEPPE. JUST LOOK AT THE EAGLE. IF IT HAS TWO BABY CHICKS, IT'LL ONLY FEED THE ONE THAT QUICKLY GROWS BIG AND STRONG. THE OTHER ONE IS NEGLECTED OR EVEN KILLED. THAT'S THE LAW OF NATURE.

LOOKS LIKE THIS ONE'S SLOW ON THE UPTAKE. TEACH HIM A LESSON, BROTHER.

GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE...

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STRENGTH DETERMINES WHETHER YOU'LL LIVE OR DIE IN THE WORLD.

UGH!

STRENGTH, AND STRENGTH ALONE IS WHAT MATTERS! NOW ANSWER ME! WHO'S STRONGER, ME OR TEMUCHIN!?

I HOPE YOU'VE NOW LEARNED WHO THE REAL HEAD OF THIS FAMILY IS.

STUBBORN BRAT...

YES.

BEKHTER SAID THAT TO YOU!?

OF COURSE I SUPPORT YOU, BROTHER.

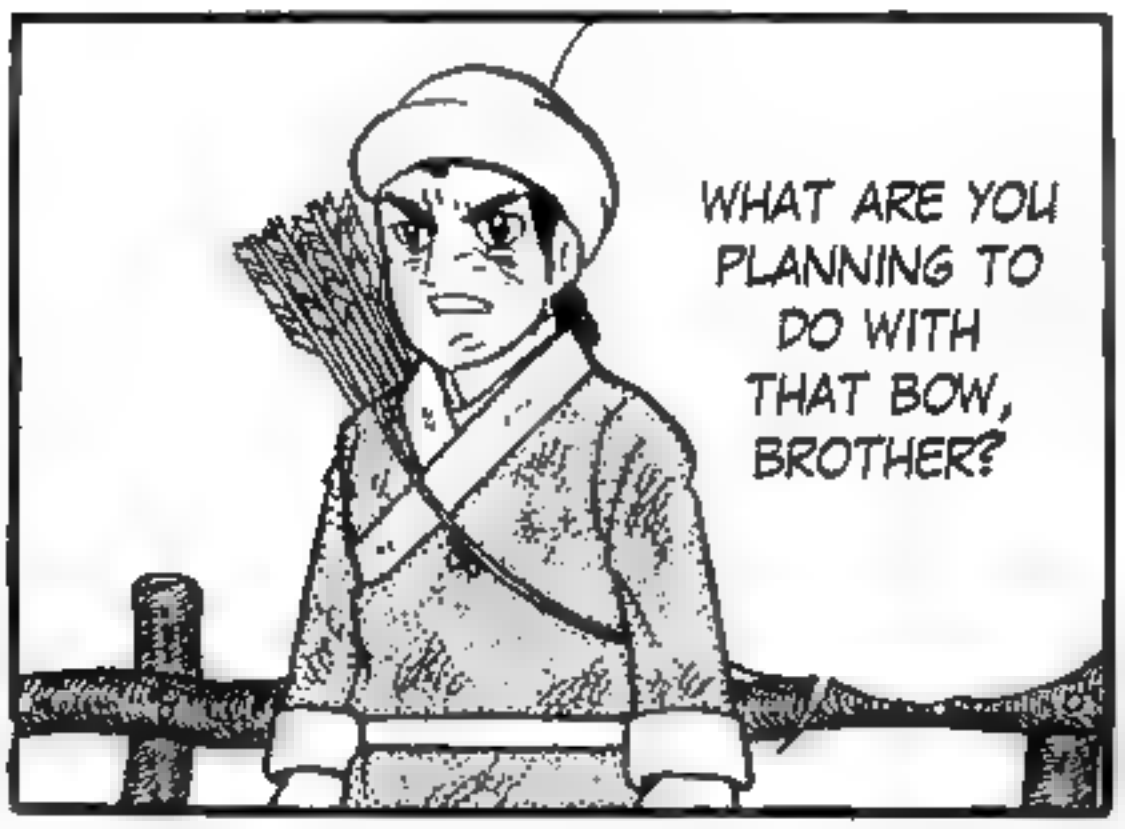
AND WHO DO YOU THINK IS BETTER AS THE HEAD OF OUR FAMILY?

YES.

SO THEN, YOU'LL DO WHAT I SAY, RIGHT?

OUR FAMILY MAY HAVE NO ALLIES AT PRESENT, BUT THIS IS A FAMILY FEUD, ONE WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED BY OURSELVES ALONE...

BEKHTER MUST BE ELIMINATED BEFORE FRACTURING THIS FAMILY EVEN MORE...



FOR THE BOYS WHO WERE BROUGHT UP IN A KILL-OR-BE-KILLED WORLD, THERE WERE NO HESITATIONS IN VIOLENTLY REMOVING A THREAT.

BEKHTER!

WHO'S THERE!?

THAT'S RIGHT, I DID.

YOU TOLD KASAR THAT YOU WERE THE NEW HEAD OF OUR FAMILY, DID YOU NOT?

WHAT CAN YOU DO ANYWAYS? YOU'RE SMALLER AND WEAKER THAN ME! THE ONE WHO'LL PROTECT OUR FAMILY WHEN ATTACKED WILL BE ME, NOT YOU!

AND WHAT'S THAT?

I HAVE SOMETHING YOU DON'T, BEKHTER.

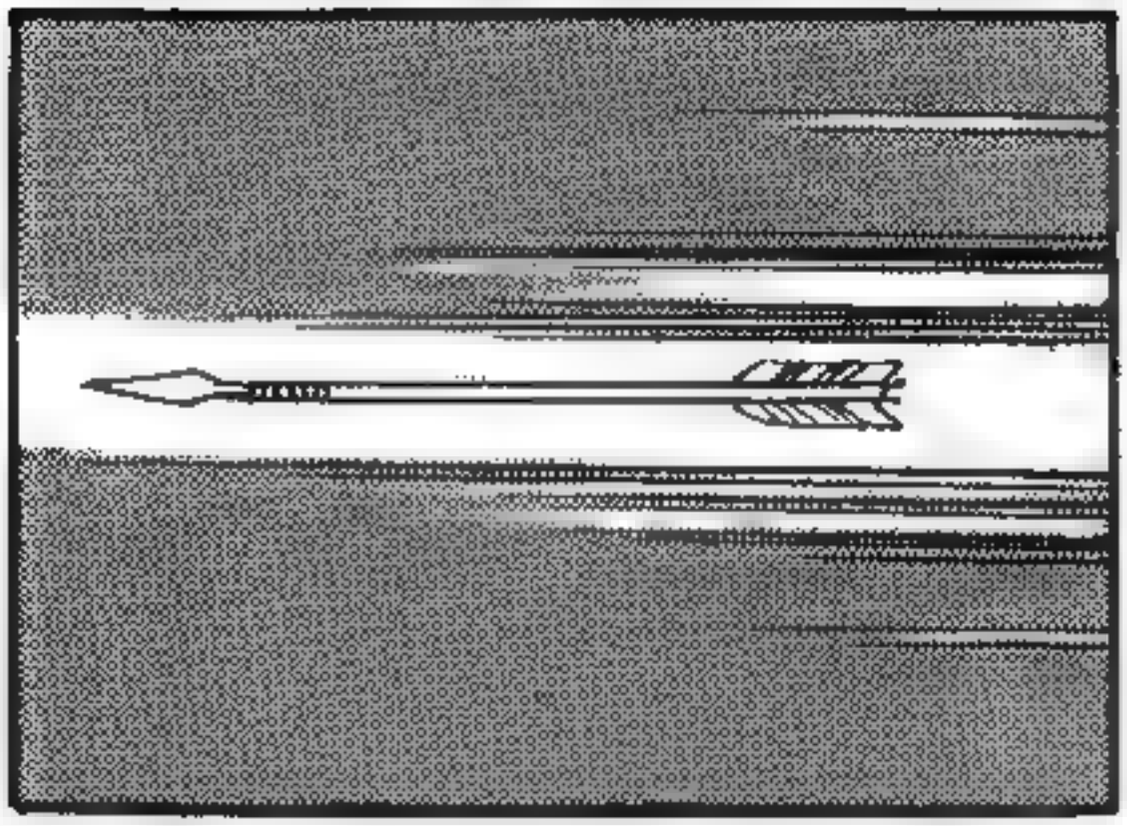
SURVIVAL ON THE STEPPE IS GUARANTEED ONLY THROUGH PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND A HARDY BODY! I CANNOT ENTRUST THE FATE OF OUR FAMILY TO YOU, TEMUCHIN!

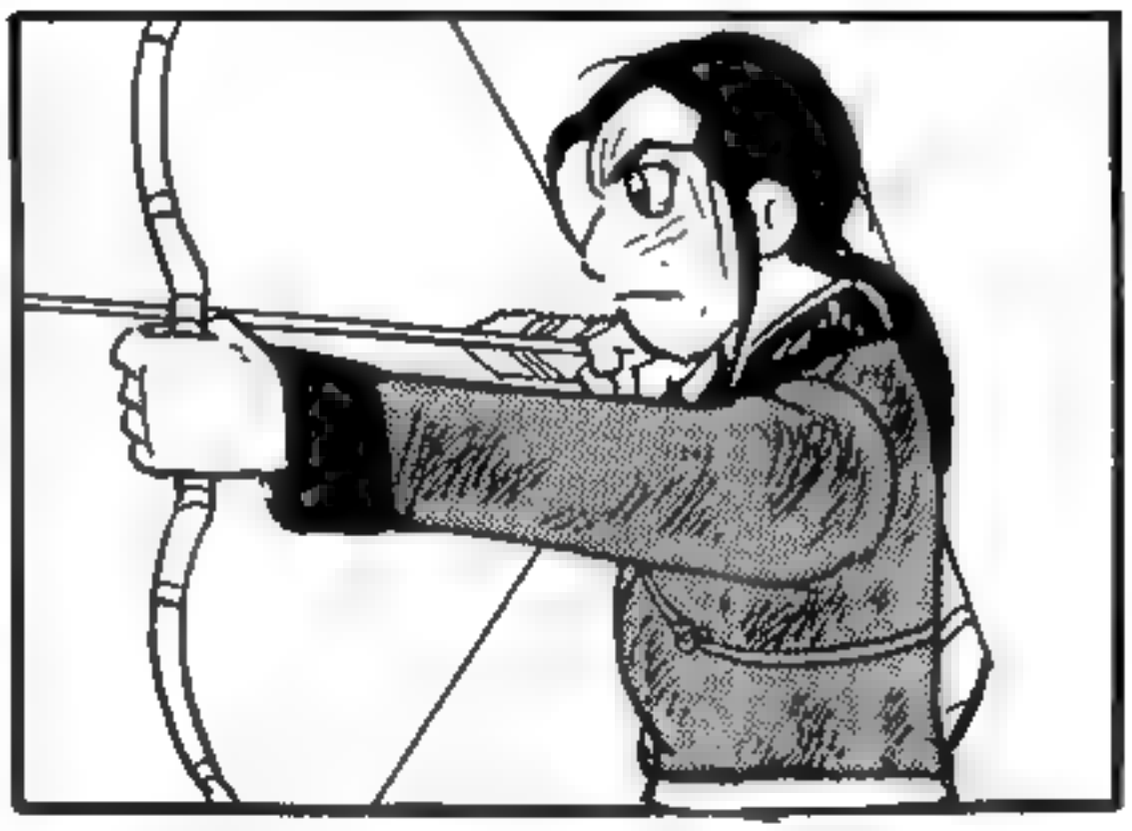
BRAINS.

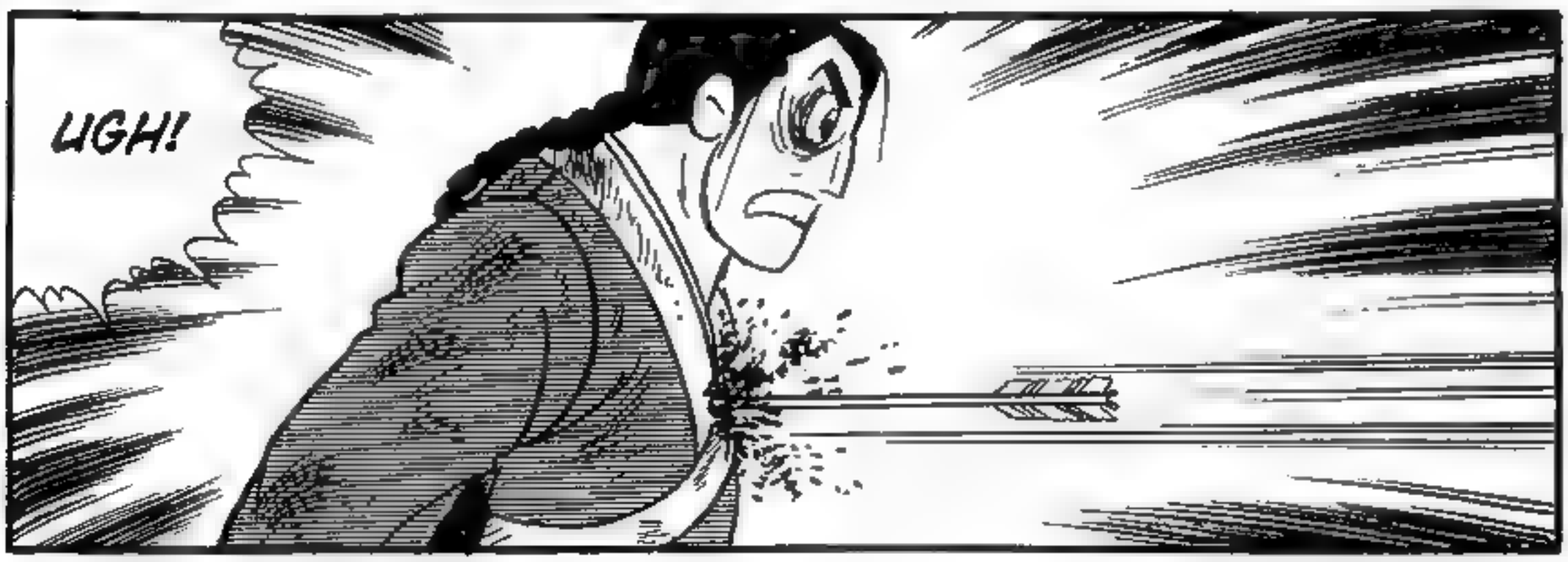
HA, IF IT'S WISDOM WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, THEN THE OLD ARE ALL WISER THAN YOU!

OH, AND YOU'VE GOT THE GUTS TO KILL ME?

THOSE ARE THE SAME WORDS OF BETRAYAL THAT THE TAYICHI'UT USED AGAINST US. REPENT NOW OR PREPARE TO DIE, BEKHTER.



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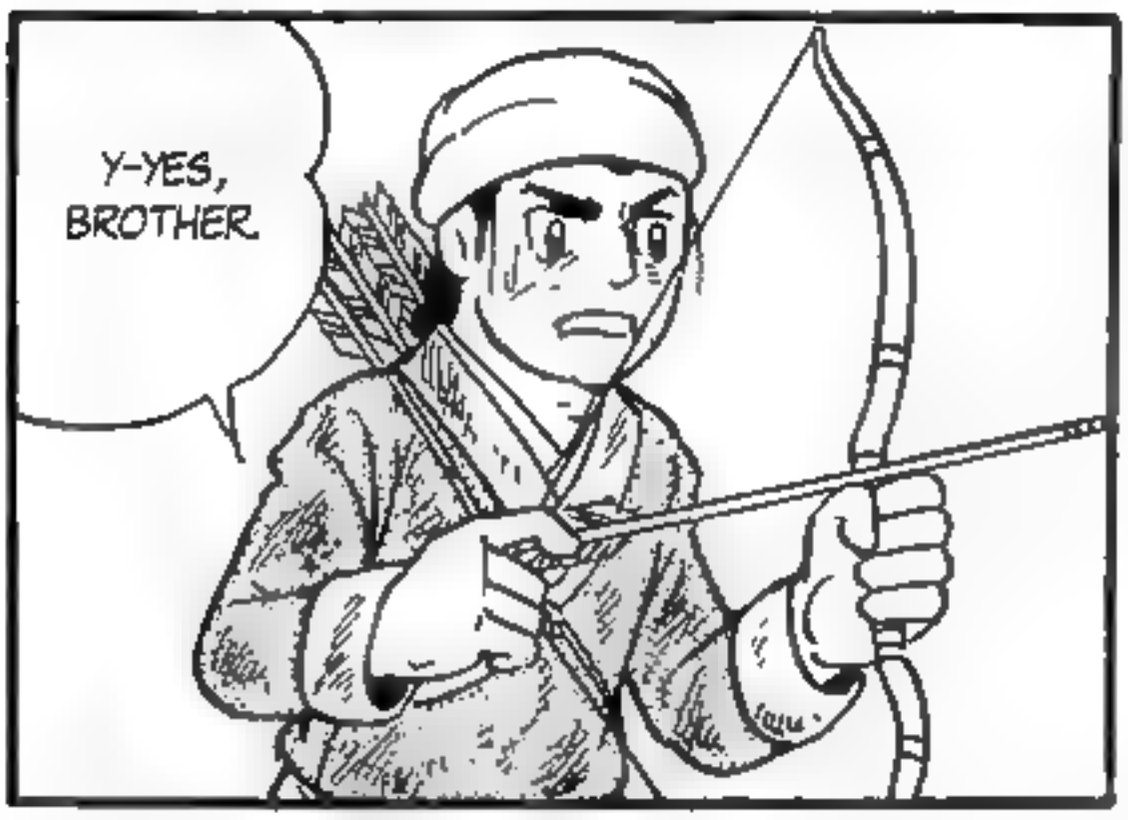
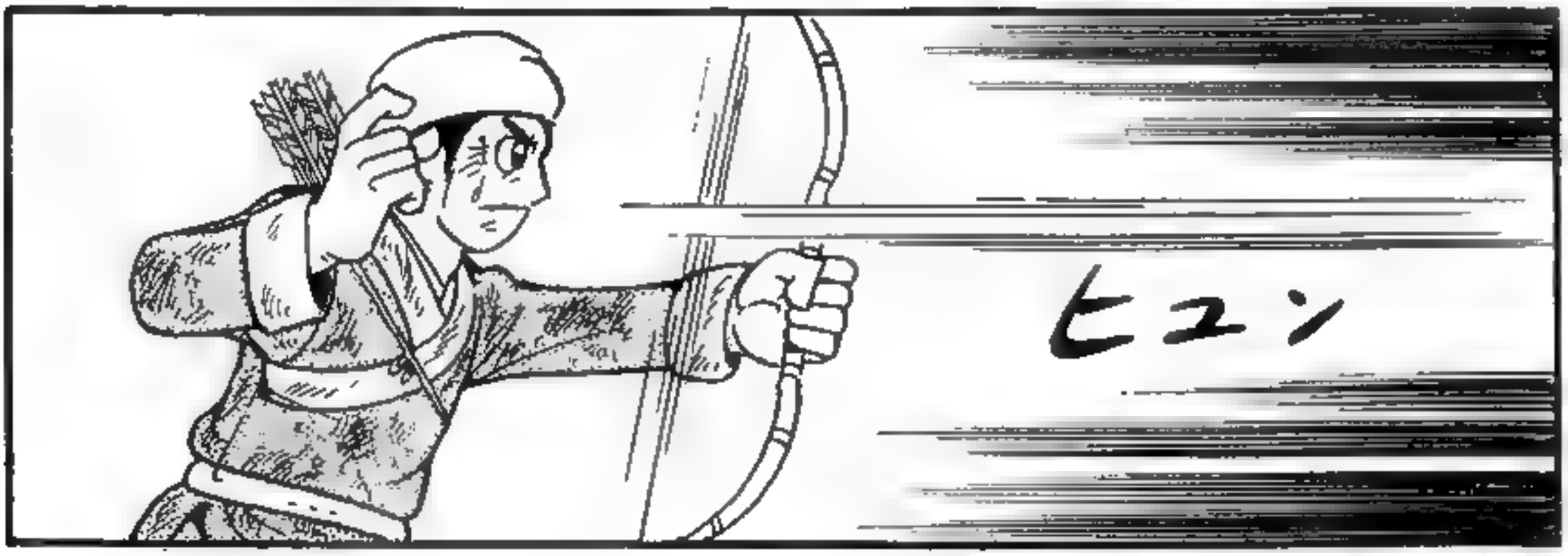

Y-YES, BROTHER.

YOU TOO, KASAR!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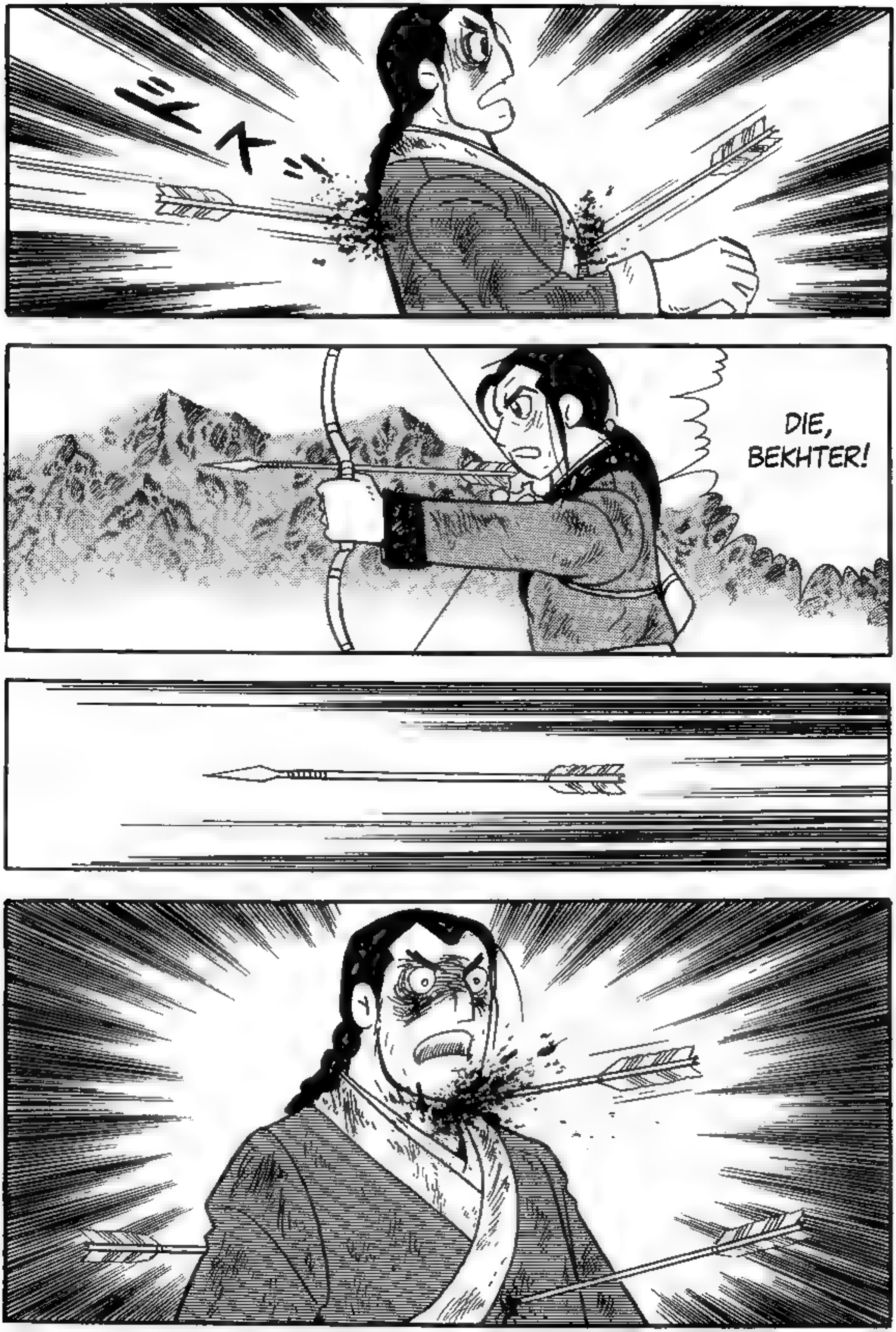
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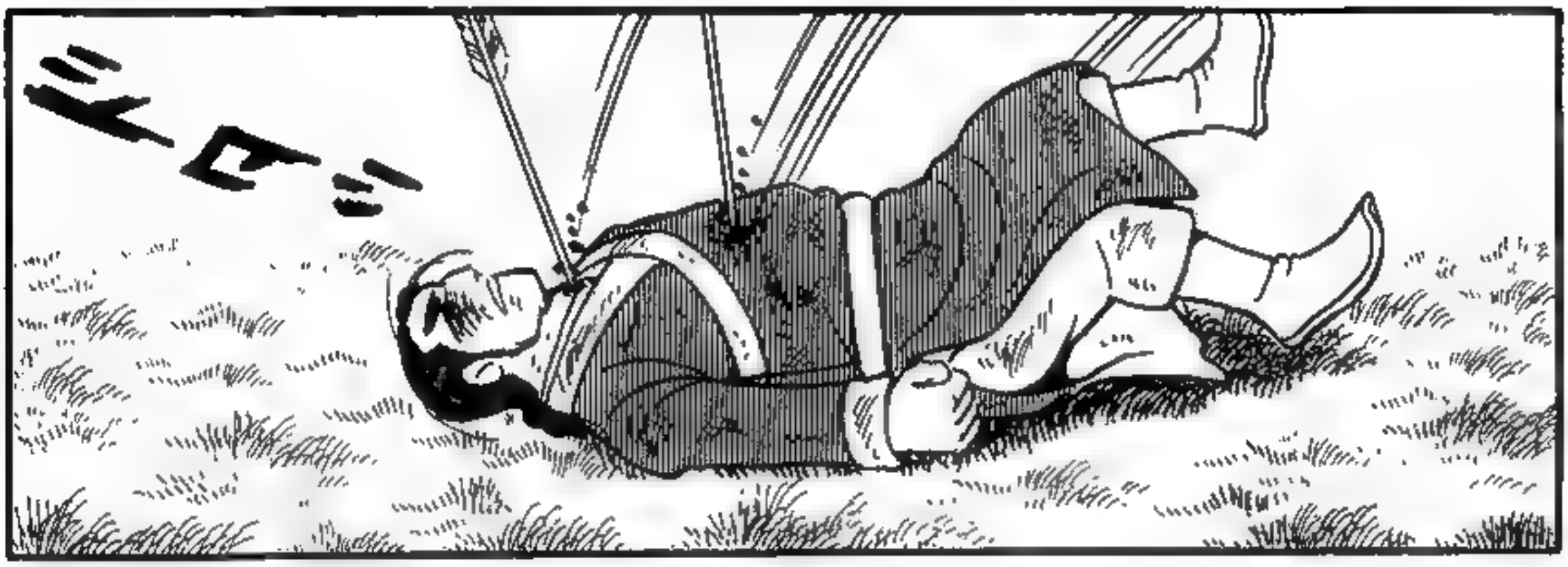
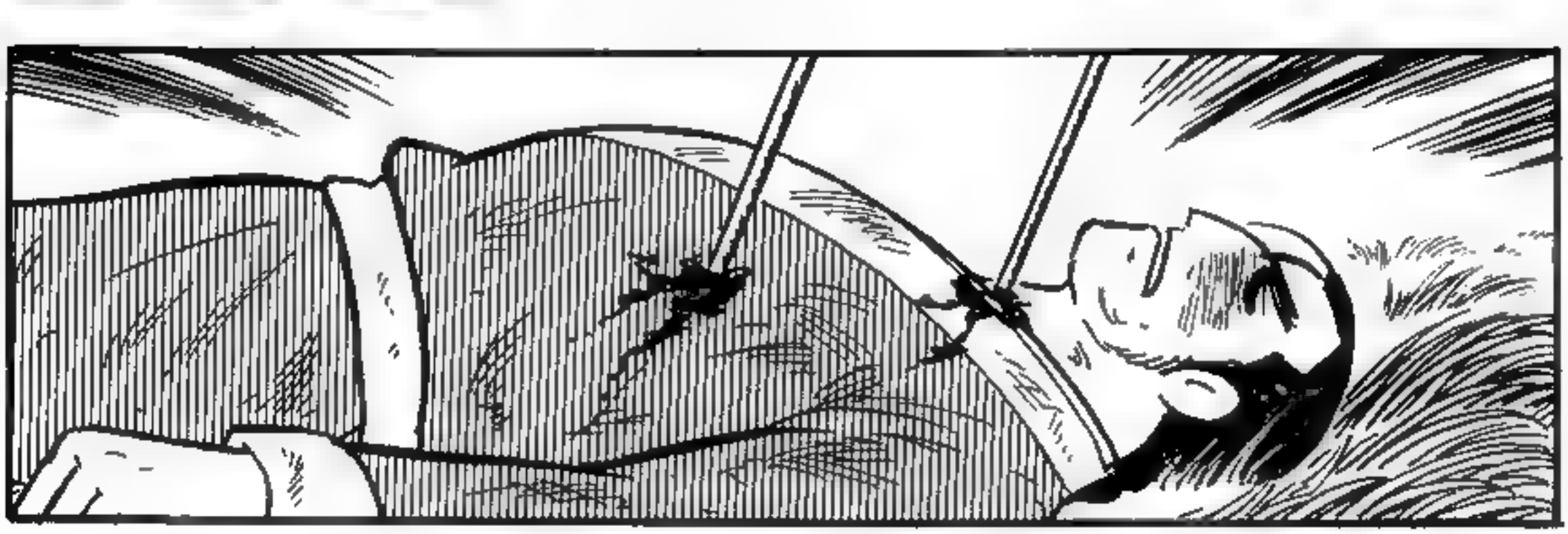
DIE, BEKHTER!



BROTHER!



I...
UHH...

BELGUTEI! WHO DO YOU THINK THE HEAD OF OUR FAMILY SHOULD BE?

THE HEAD OF OUR FAMILY SHOULD BE YOU, TEMUCHIN.

MAKE YOUR DECISION NOW AND MAKE IT CLEAR!

Y-YES!

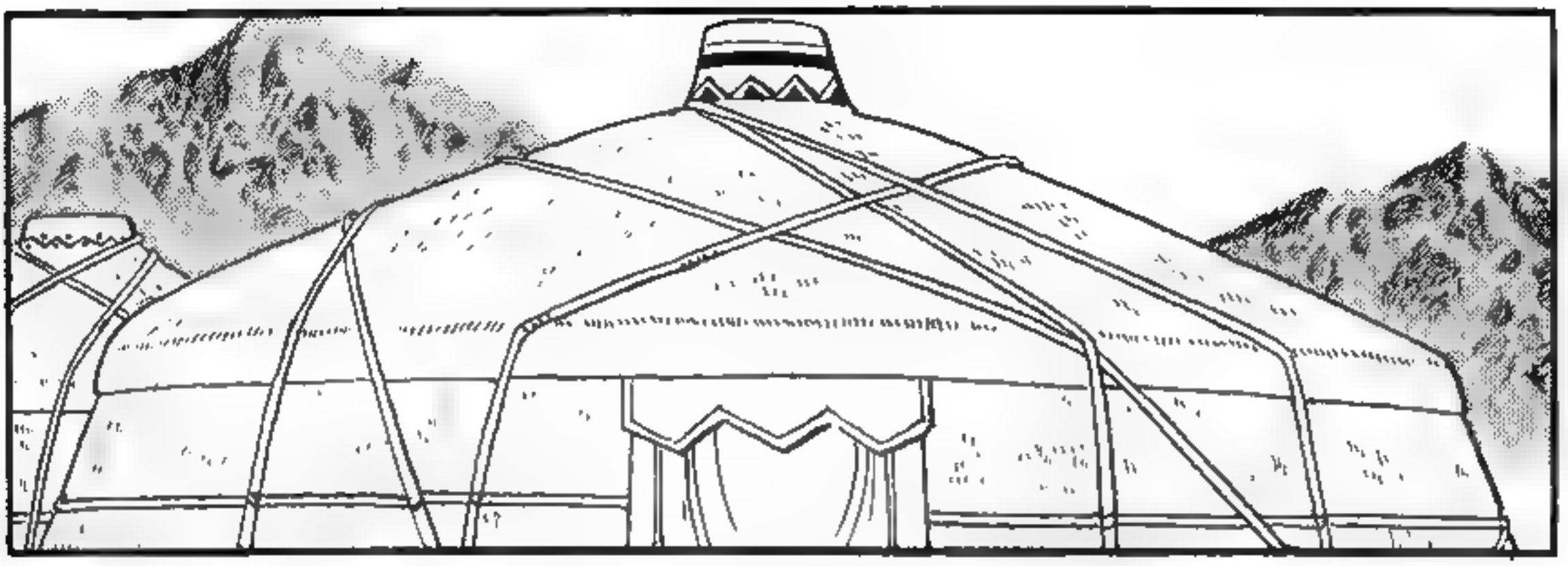
IS THAT WHAT YOU REALLY BELIEVE?

I HAVE KILLED BEKHTER AS PUNISHMENT FOR GOING AGAINST OUR LATE FATHER'S WORDS AND TRYING TO USURP MY PLACE AS THE HOUSEHOLD-HEAD. IF YOU HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS, SPEAK THEM NOW!

I SEE. WELL, IF YOU ACKNOWLEDGE ME AS THE HEAD, THEN I WILL SPARE YOU.

I... I HAVE NONE AT ALL...

DESPITE THEIR BOLD WORDS, BOTH TEMUCHIN AND KASAR HAD GRIM FACES FROM HAVING KILLED ANOTHER HUMAN FOR THE FIRST TIME.



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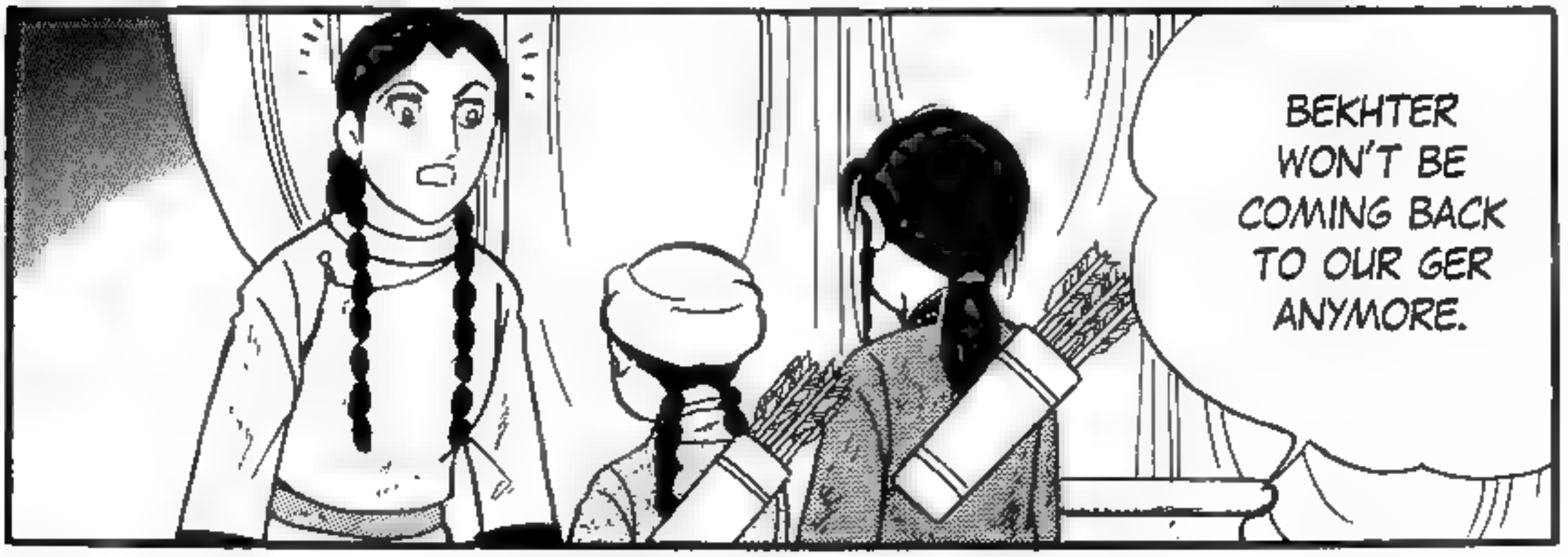
WHAT HAPPENED? WHY DO YOU TWO LOOK SO STIFF?


BEKHTER WON'T BE COMING BACK TO OUR GER ANYMORE.

IT WAS HIS PUNISHMENT FOR CALLING HIMSELF THE HEAD OF OUR HOUSEHOLD.

D... DID YOU KILL HIM?

UGH!

Y-YOU VILE MURDERERS!

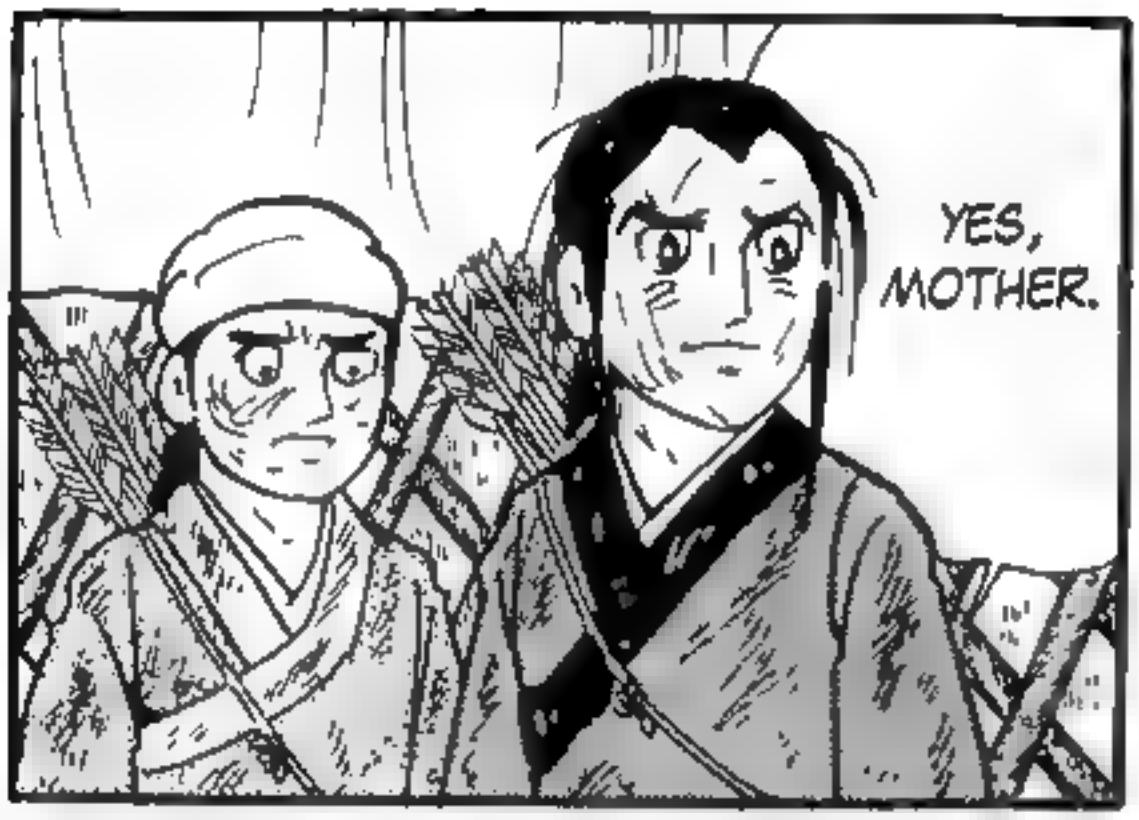
W... WHAT DID YOU SAY...?

WHEN YOU CAME FORTH FROM MY WOMB, YOU CLUTCHED A BLACK BLOOD CLOT IN YOUR FIST, LIKE THE KASAR DOG GNAWING ON ITS AFTER-BIRTH, A LION UNBLE TO CONTROL ITS ANGER, A FALCON ATTACKING ITS OWN SHADOW, OR A CAMEL BITING THE HEEL OF ITS YOUNG!

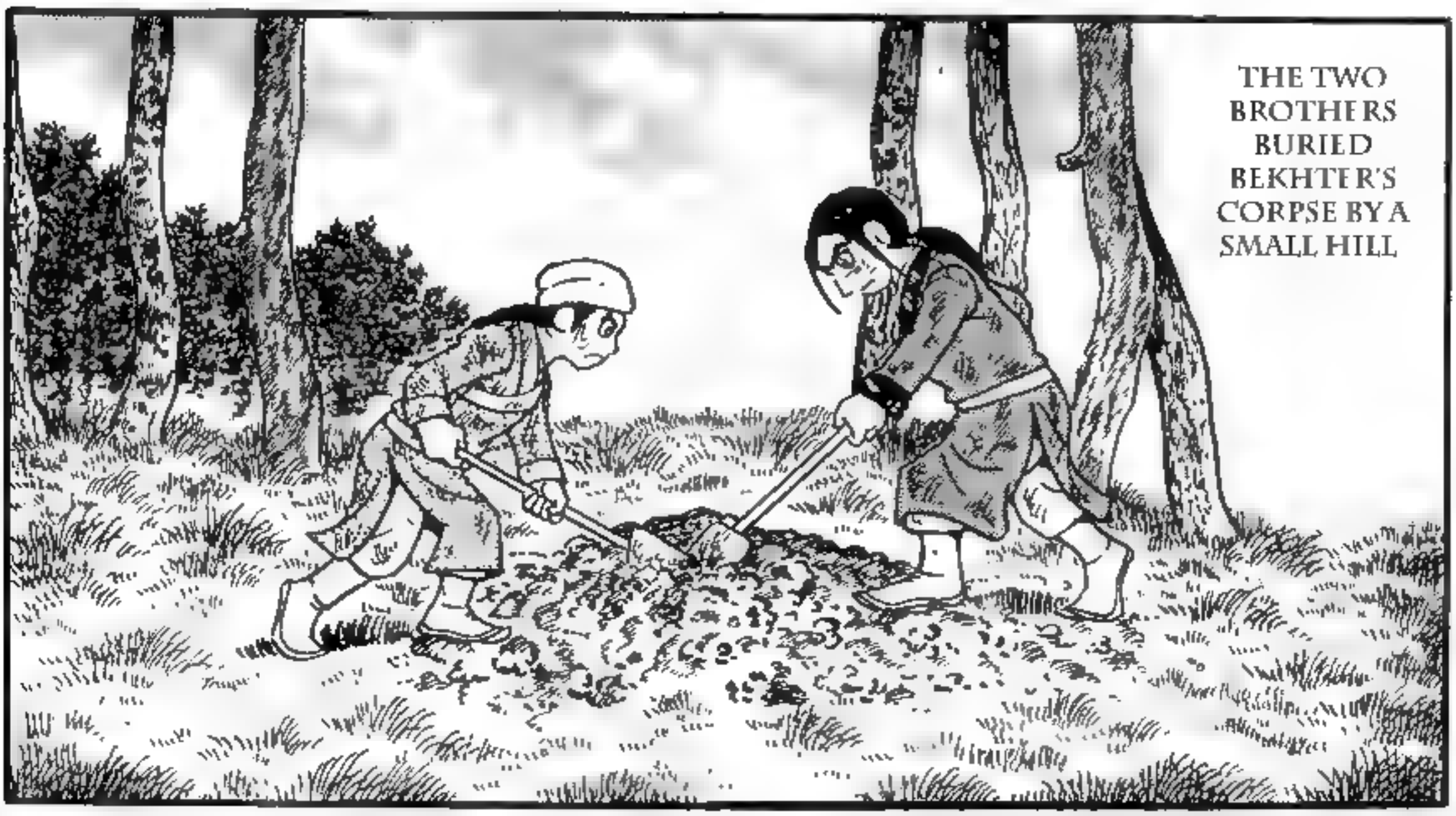
WE HAVE NO COMPANIONS EXCEPT OUR SHADOWS AND ONLY A HORSE'S TAIL FOR A WHIP! BUT LIKE A DOG MADLY RUSHING AT ITS PREY, YOU HAVE DESTROYED WITHOUT THINKING! AT A TIME WHEN OUR STOMACHS ARE EMPTY BUT OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH RESENTMENT, INSTEAD OF ASKING, "HOW CAN I PUNISH THE TAYICHI'UT," YOU ASK "HOW CAN I LIVE WITH MY BROTHERS?"

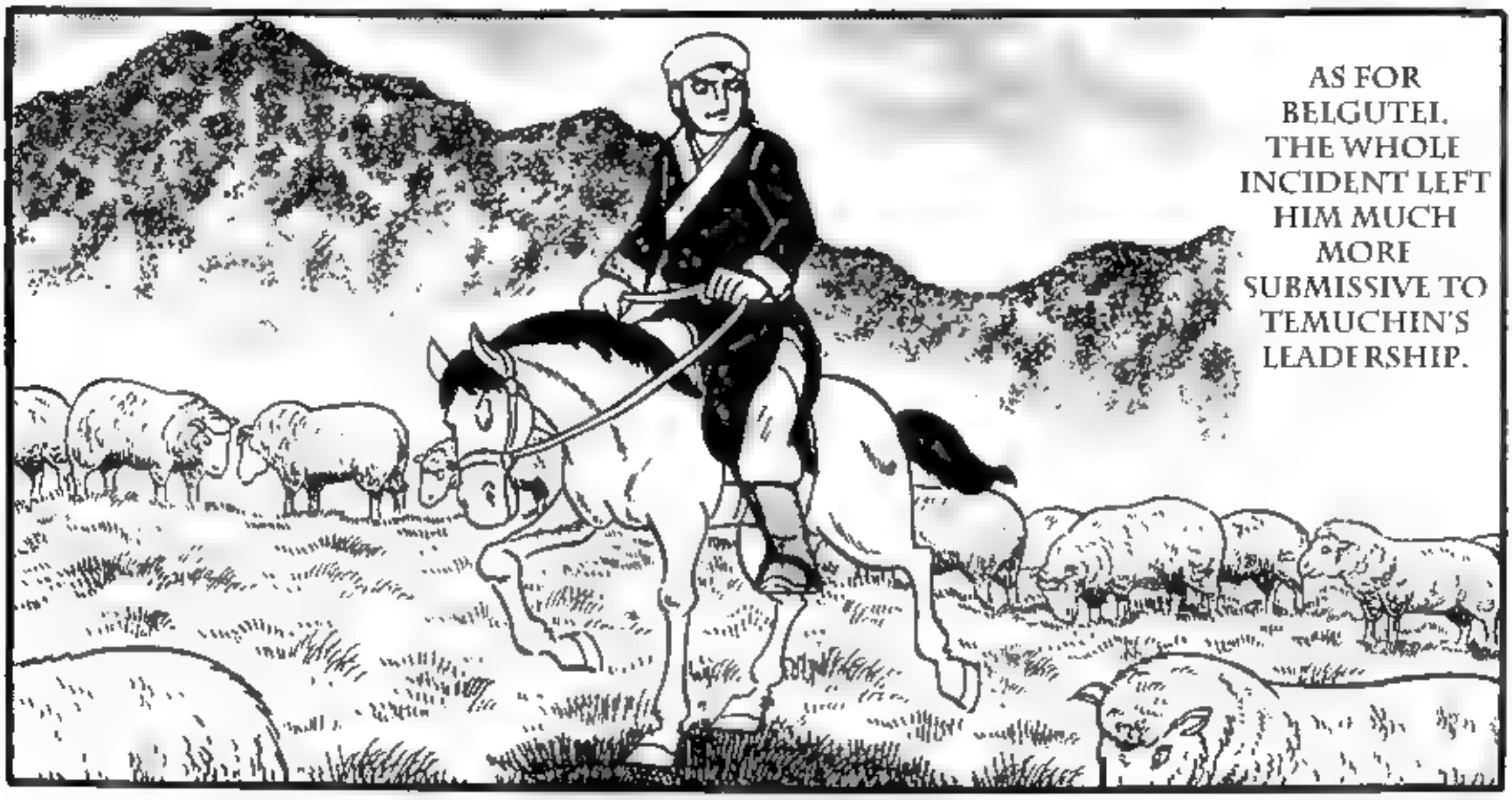
TEMUCHIN HAD NEVER SEEN HIS MOTHER SO LIVID BEFORE.

UGHH... UU...!


YES, MOTHER.

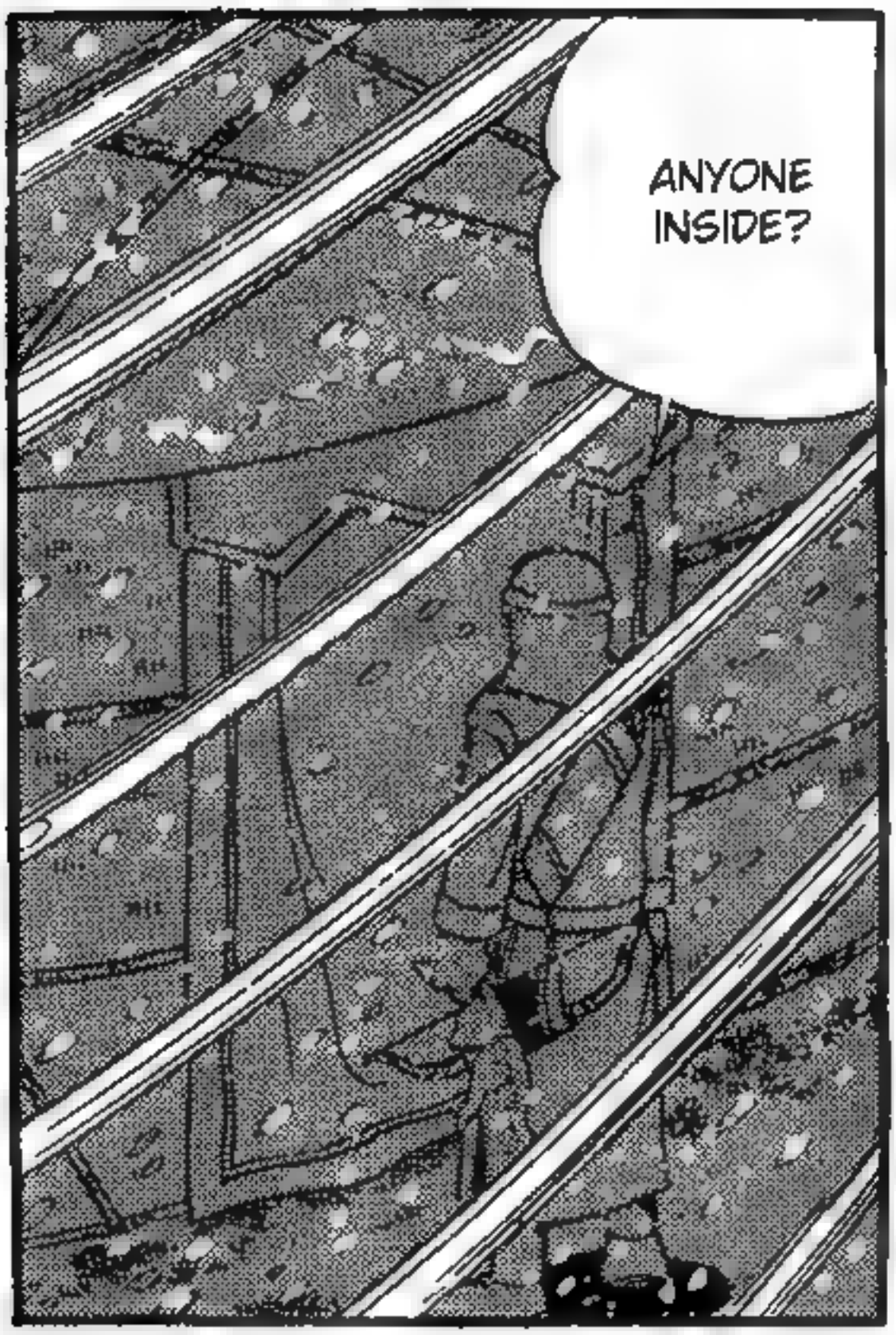
GO GIVE BEKHTER A PROPER BURIAL.

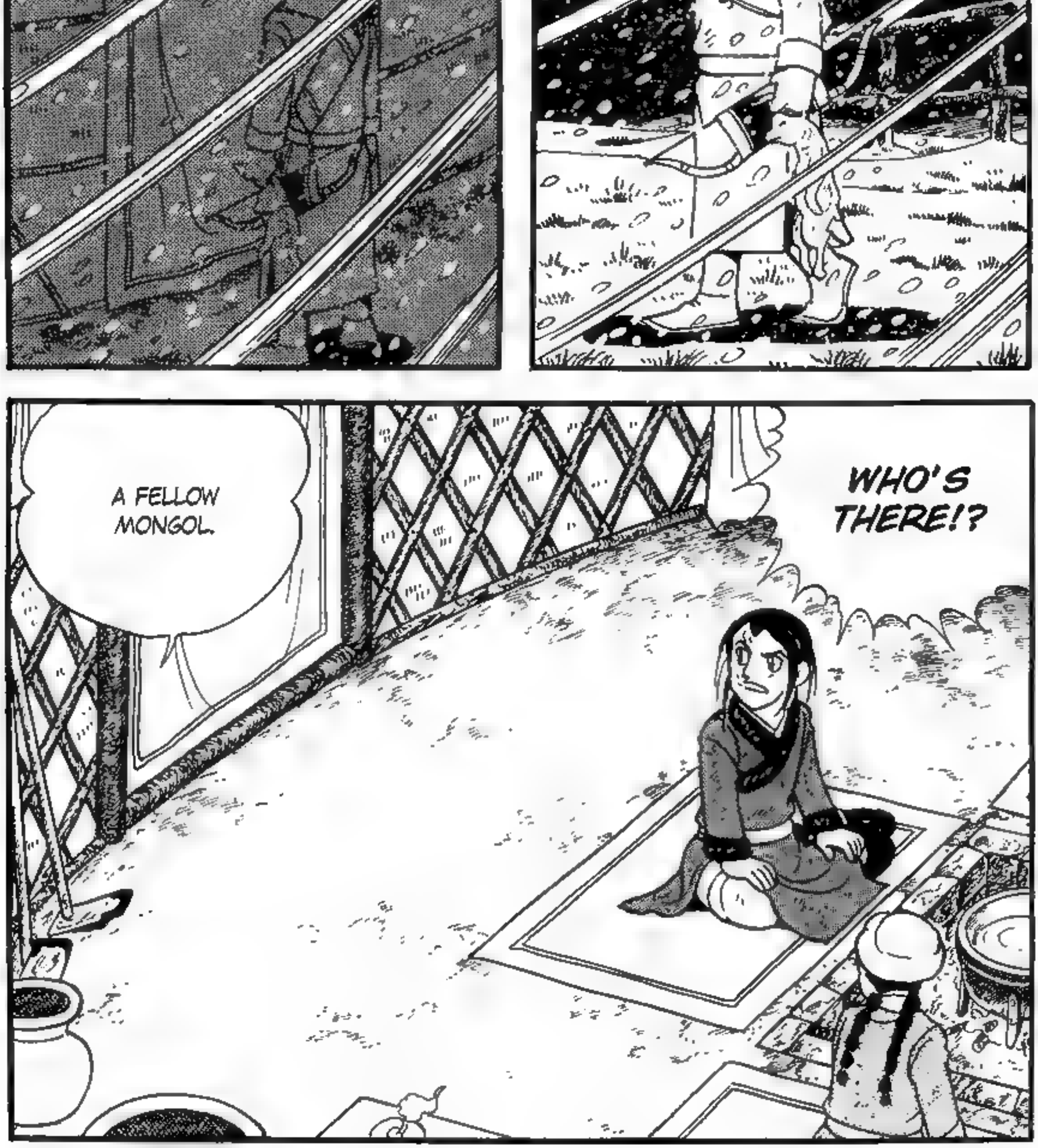

THE TWO BROTHERS BURIED BEKHTER'S CORPSE BY A SMALL HILL


AS FOR BELGUTEI, THE WHOLE INCIDENT LEFT HIM MUCH MORE SUBMISSIVE TO TEMUCHIN'S LEADERSHIP.

Thorny Road

WEATHER IN THE MONGOLIAN STEPPE CAN CHANGE ABRUPTLY, AS IT DID IN APRIL OF ONE YEAR.


ANYONE INSIDE?


A FELLOW MONGOL.
WHO'S THERE!?

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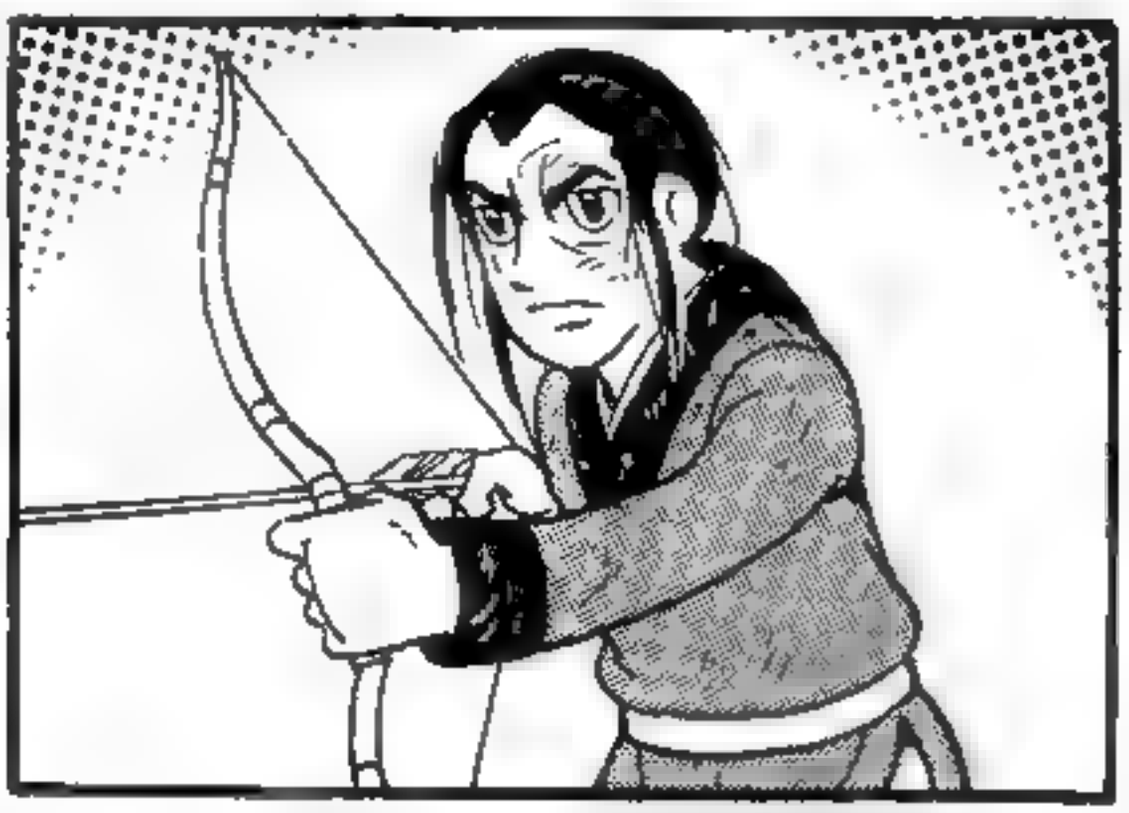

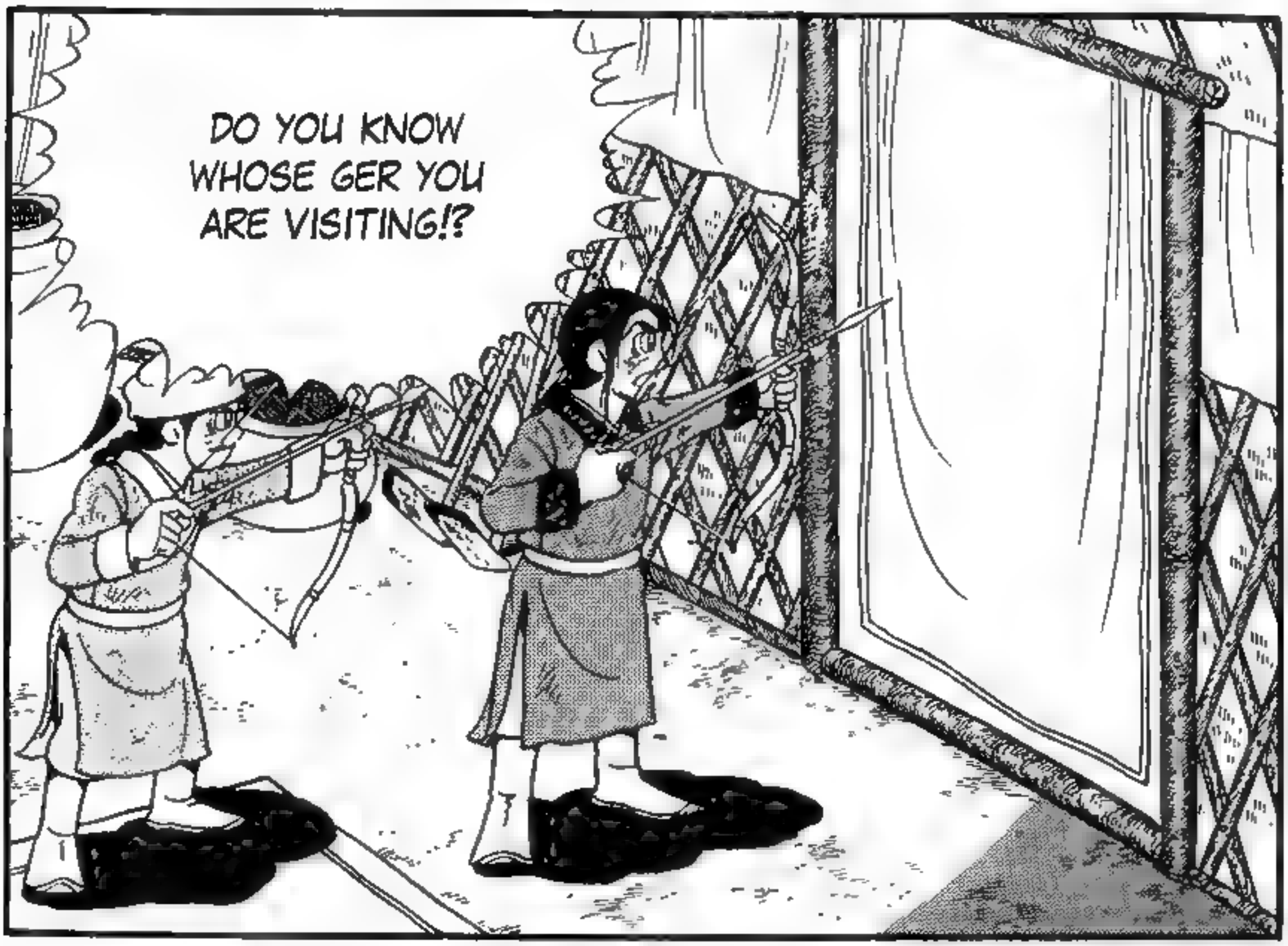
DO YOU KNOW
WHOSE GER YOU
ARE VISITING!?

YES, YISUGEI'S "FAMILY" WHO WAS ABANDONED THEIR FELLOW MONGOLS! WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE!?

IS IT NOT THE SON OF YESUGEI'S FAMILY?

STATE YOUR REASON FOR VISITING TEMU'.

THOSE ARE HARSH ACCUSATIONS. HAD THE TRIBE TRIED TO SPLIT ITSELF BETWEEN SUPPORTERS OF TARKUTAI AND YISUGEI'S FAMILY BACK THEN, IT'S LIKELY THAT TARKUTAI WOULD HAVE TAKEN SERIOUS ACTION. YOUR FAMILY MAY HAVE BEEN ABANDONED, BUT AT LEAST THEY WERE NOT ALL SLAUGHTERED.

SO YOU WERE CONCERNED FOR US, WERE YOU?

I THOUGHT THE LEAST I COULD DO IS [illegible] SOME OF THE GAME I CAUGHT AND SEE HOW YOU WERE ALL FARING.

THANK YOU.
YOU MAY ENTER!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFT.
PLEASE ACCEPT THIS, HÖ'ELUN.
HOW'S LIFE WITH TARKUTAI AND THE TAYICHI'UT?
IT SEEMS I NEEDN'T HAVE WORRRIED, SINCE YOUR SONS HAVE GROWN INTO CAPABLE MEN.

YISUGEI WAS A GREAT LEADER. THERE ARE MANY WHO REMEMBER HIS RULE FONDLY.

THE ELDERS HAVE CHOSEN TARKUTAI AS THE NEW KHAN OF THE KHAMAG MONGOLS, BUT LIFE IS NOT AS PROSPEROUS UNDER HIM COMPARED TO THE LATE YISUGEI.

SO THERE'S QUITE A FEW WHO MISS MY FATHER, IS THERE?

WHAT!?

MORE IMPORTANTLY, TARKUTAI WILL BE COMING TO ATTACK SOON.

AT THE MEETING FOR THE START OF THE YEAR, TARKUTAI STATED, "THE EVIL BROOD IS LEAVING THE NEST, THE SLOBBERING YOUNG HAVE GROWN UP!"

I SEE, THANK YOU FOR TELLING US.

TARKUTAI FEARS THAT YOU WILL STRIKE BACK AND MOUNT AN ANTI-TAYICHI'UT REBELLION.

I MUST EXCUSE MYSELF NOW. PLEASE TAKE CARE.

THANK YOU, TEMUCHIN. BUT PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT IT IS UNWISE FOR THE MONGOLS TO SPLIT IN HALF, LEST WE BECOME PREY TO THE TATARS.

THANK YOU FOR THE WARNING. I WILL BEAR NO GRUDGE AGAINST YOU ANYMORE.

YES, YOU TOO.

YES, I UNDERSTAND. TAKE CARE.

SO THERE ARE STILL THOSE CONCERNED FOR US AMONG THE MONGOLS...

WE MUST FIGHT, OF COURSE.

BROTHER, WHAT WILL WE DO ABOUT TARKUTAI'S ATTACK?

THE ENEMIES WILL LIKELY BE ONLY 40 OR 50 PEOPLE COMING FOR A SWIFT RAID. WE MAY BE ABLE TO HANG ON IF WE BUILD A STOCKADE FROM WHICH TO DEFEND OURSELVES.

BUT WE ONLY HAVE FOUR PEOPLE THAT CAN FIGHT IN OUR FAMILY.

YES.
YES.
WE WILL BEGIN ITS CONSTRUCTION FIRST THING TOMORROW.

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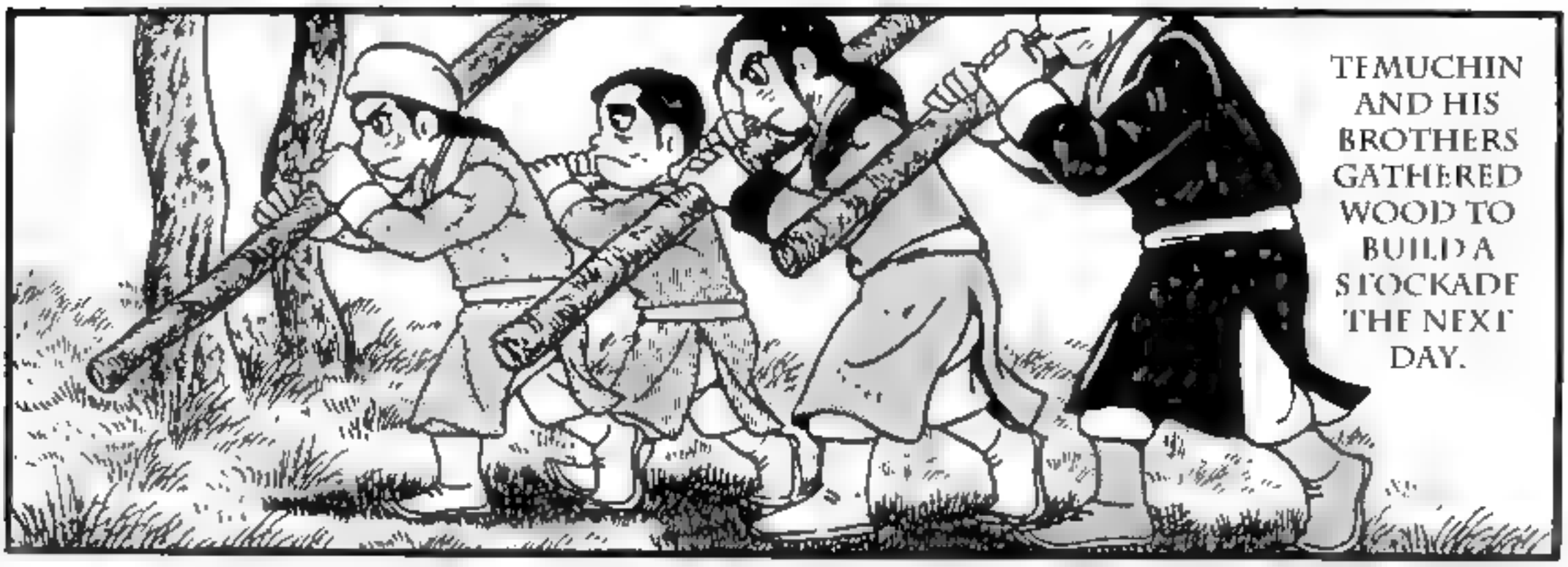
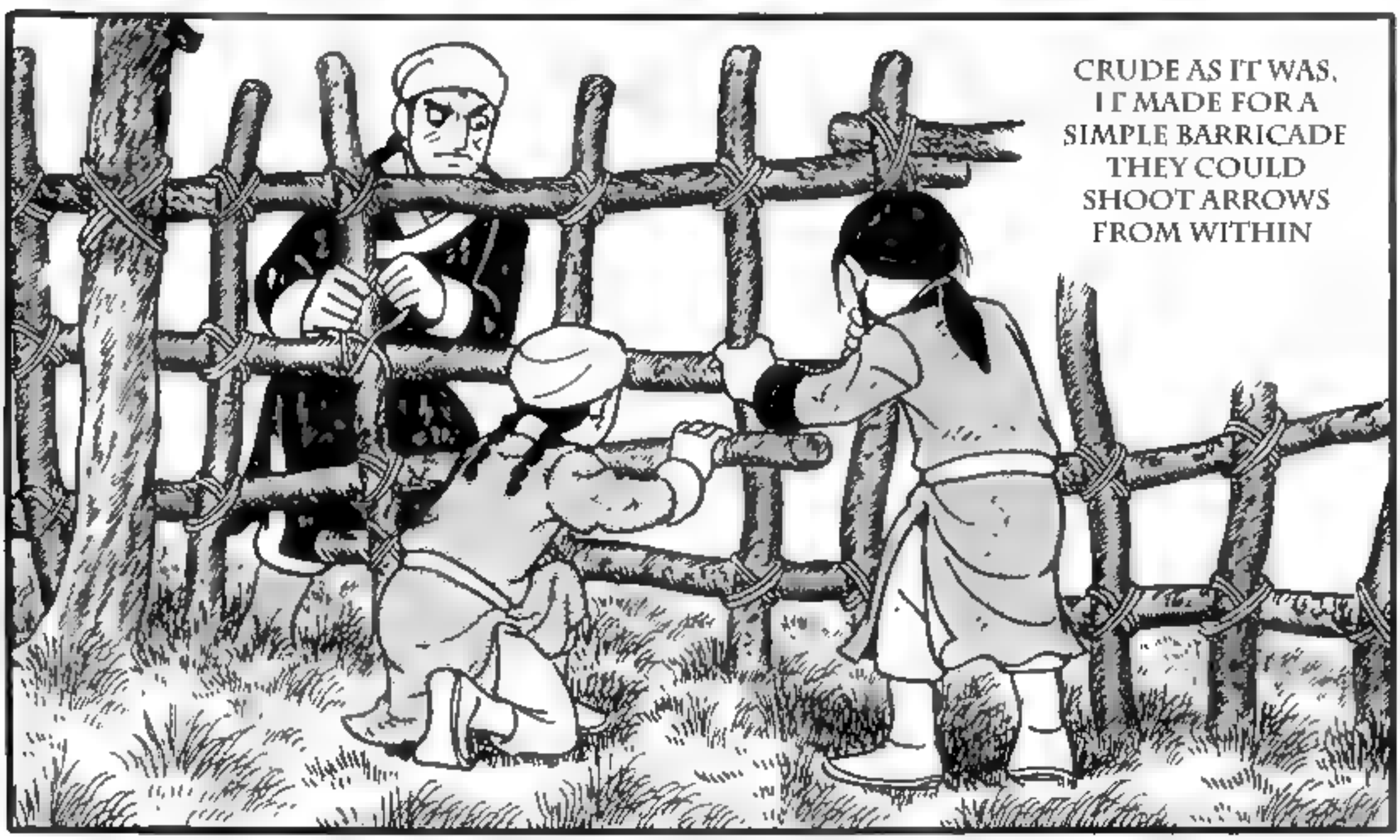
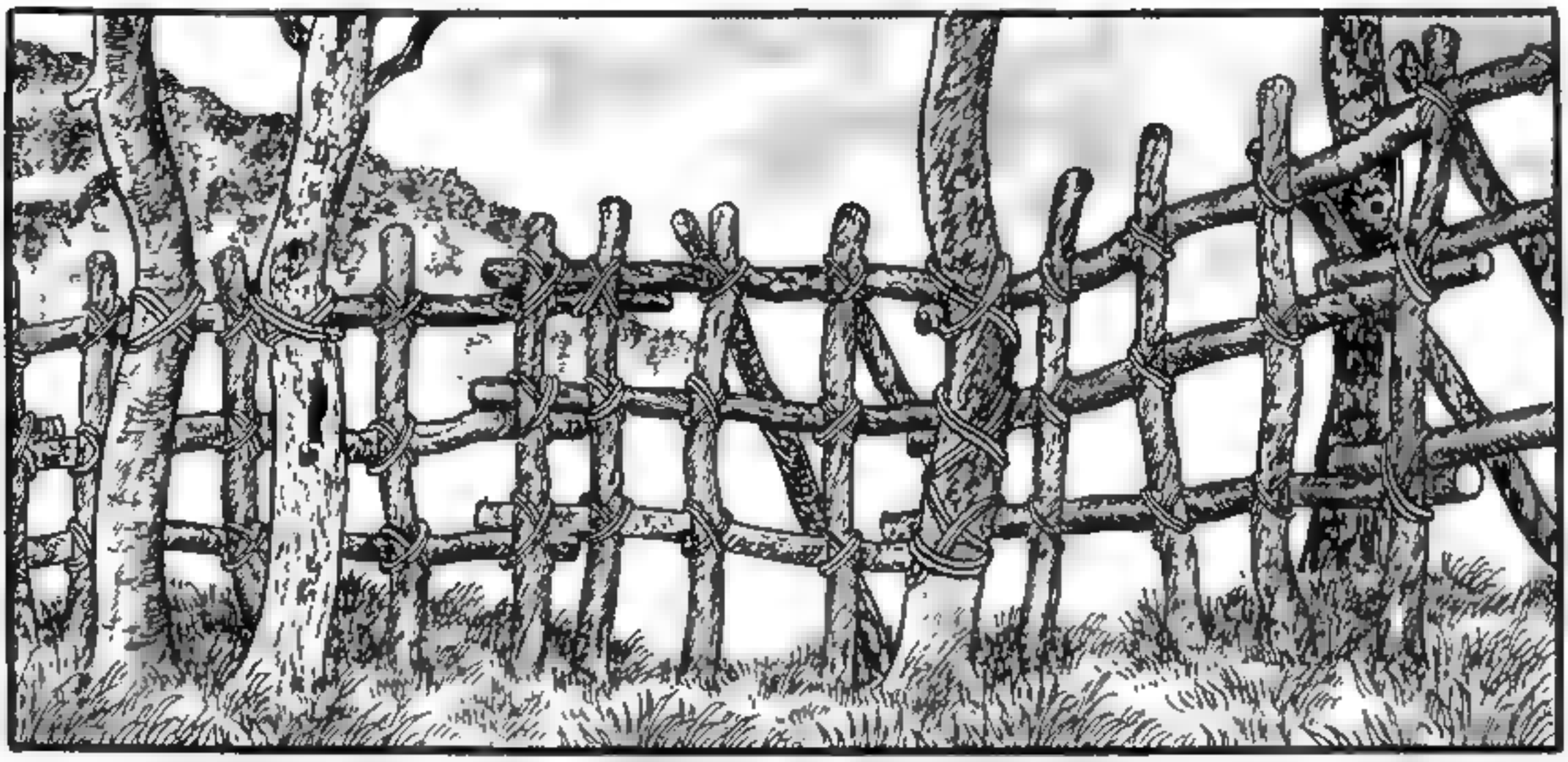
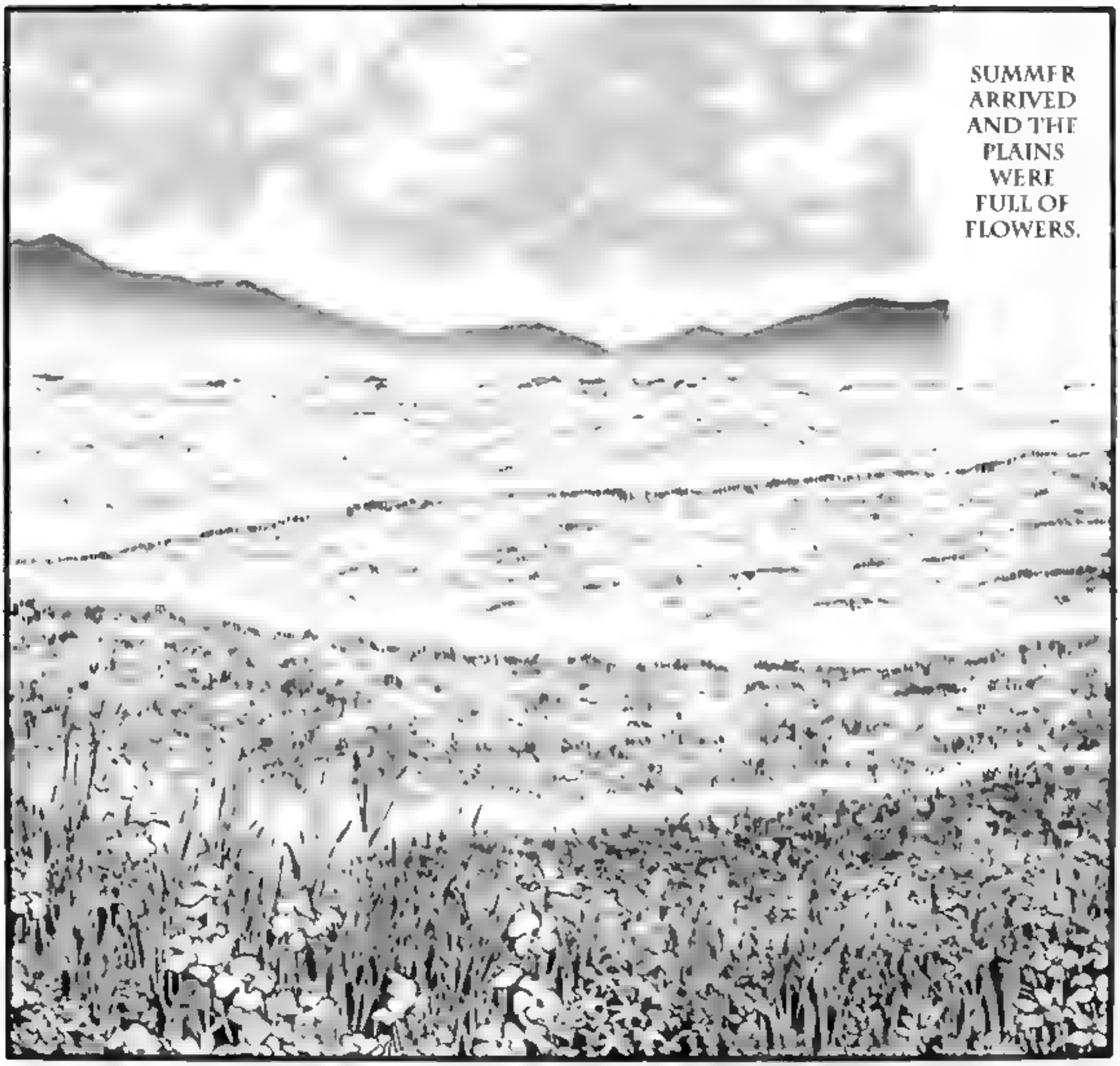
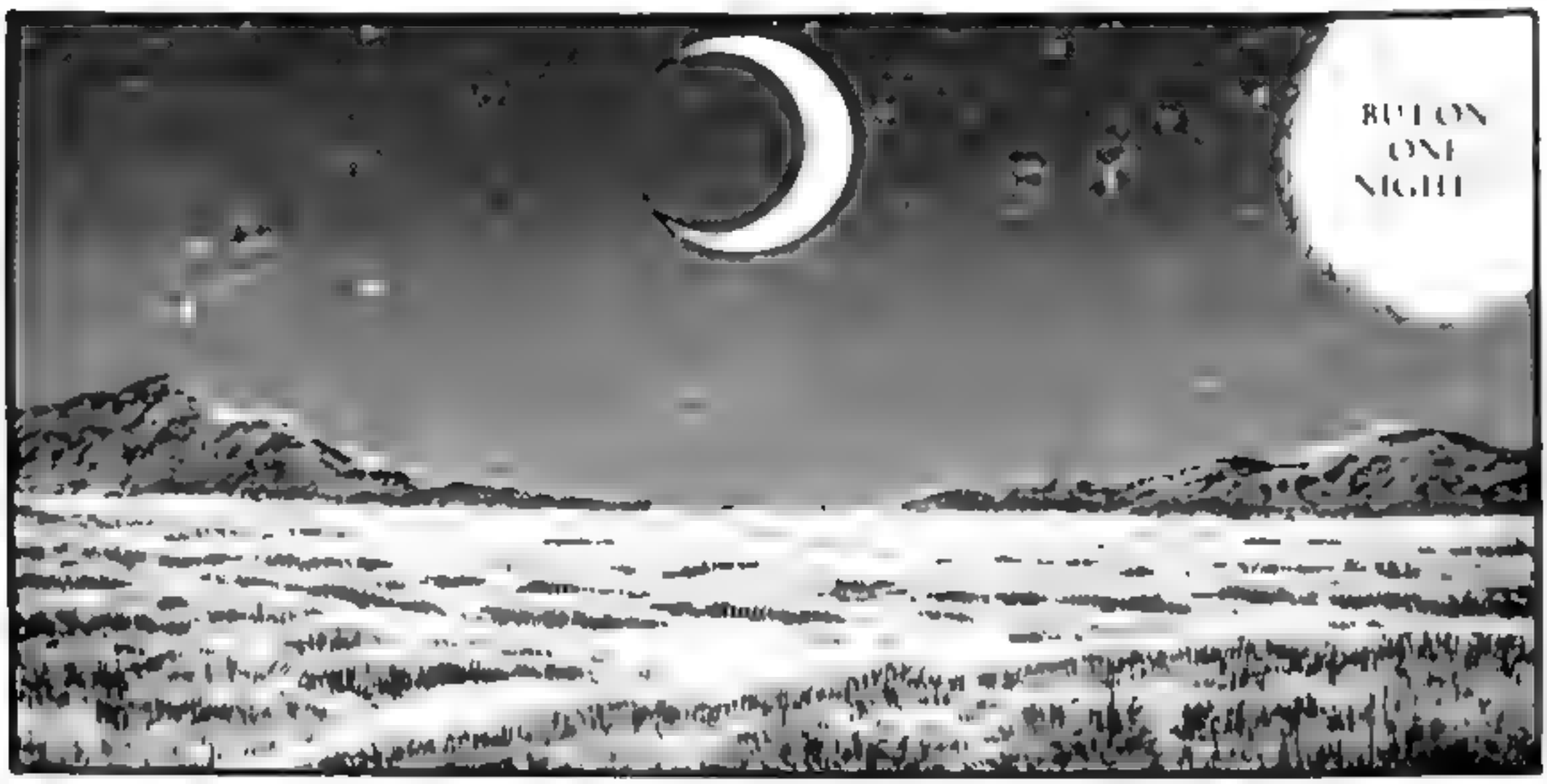

TEMUCHIN AND HIS BROTHERS GATHERED WOOD TO BUILD A STOCKADE THE NEXT DAY.


CRUDE AS IT WAS, IT MADE FOR A SIMPLE BARRICADE THEY COULD SHOOT ARROWS FROM WITHIN




SUMMER ARRIVED AND THE PLAINS WERE FULL OF FLOWERS.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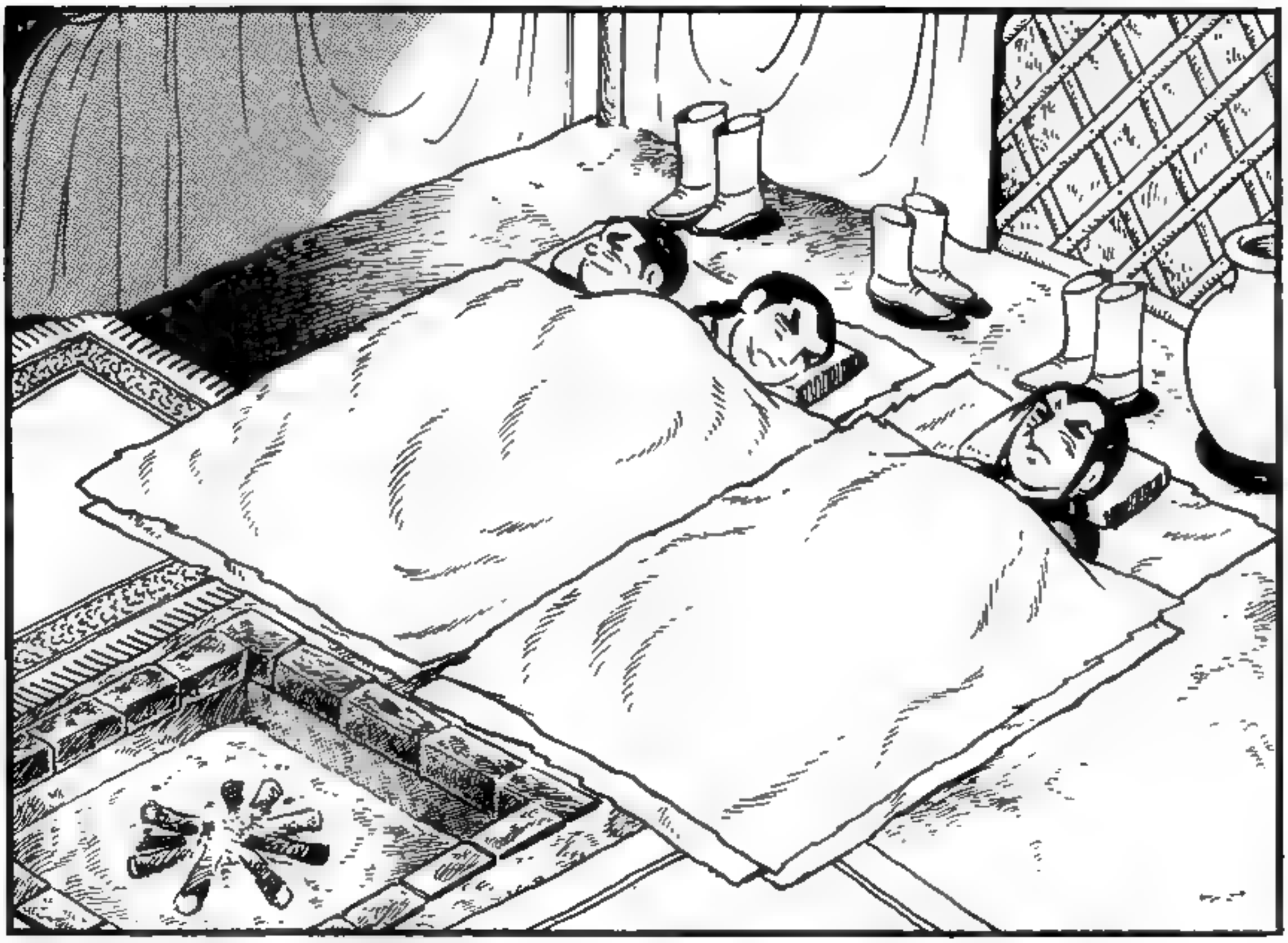
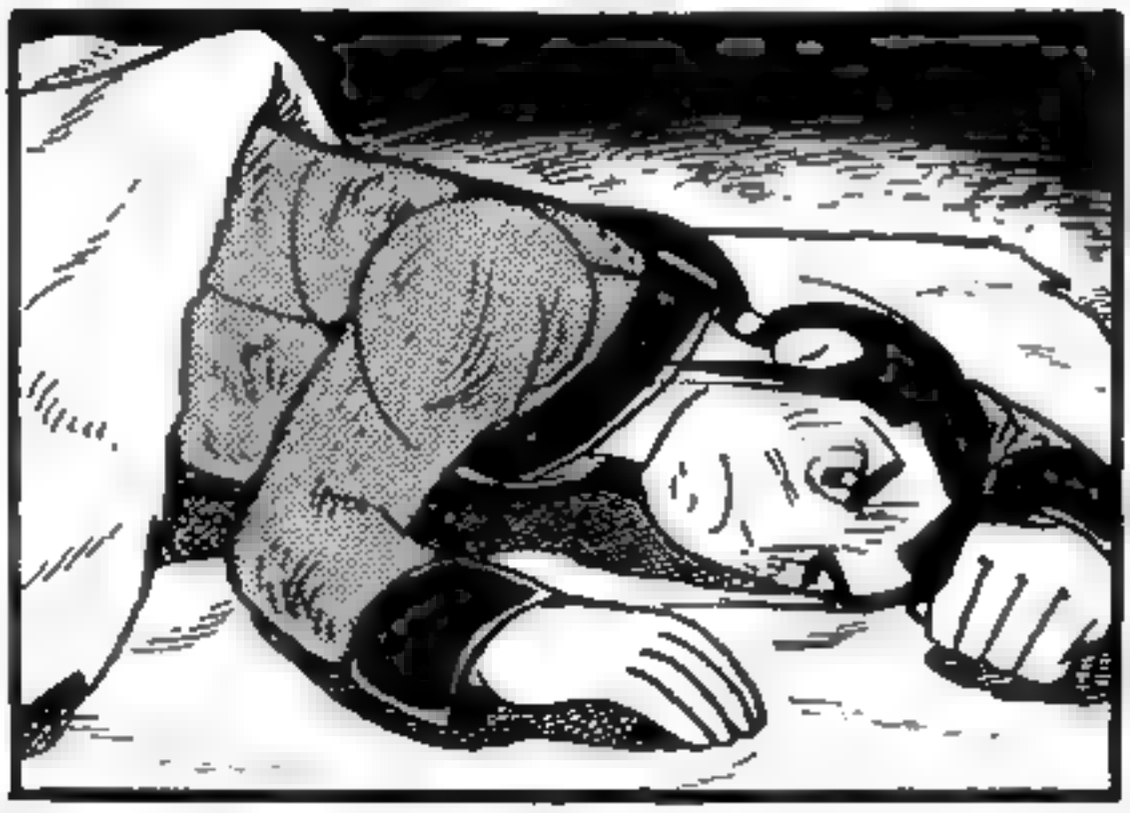


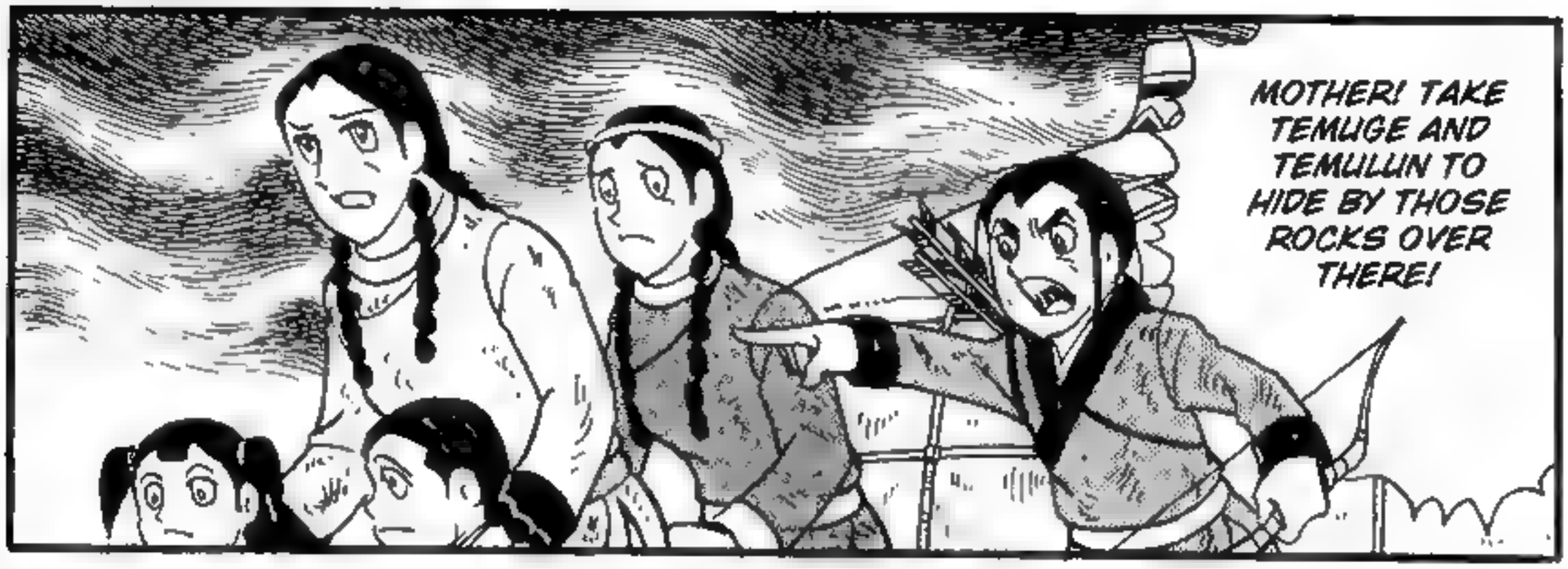
WAKE UP! I HEAR HORSE HOOFSTEPS!

HM?



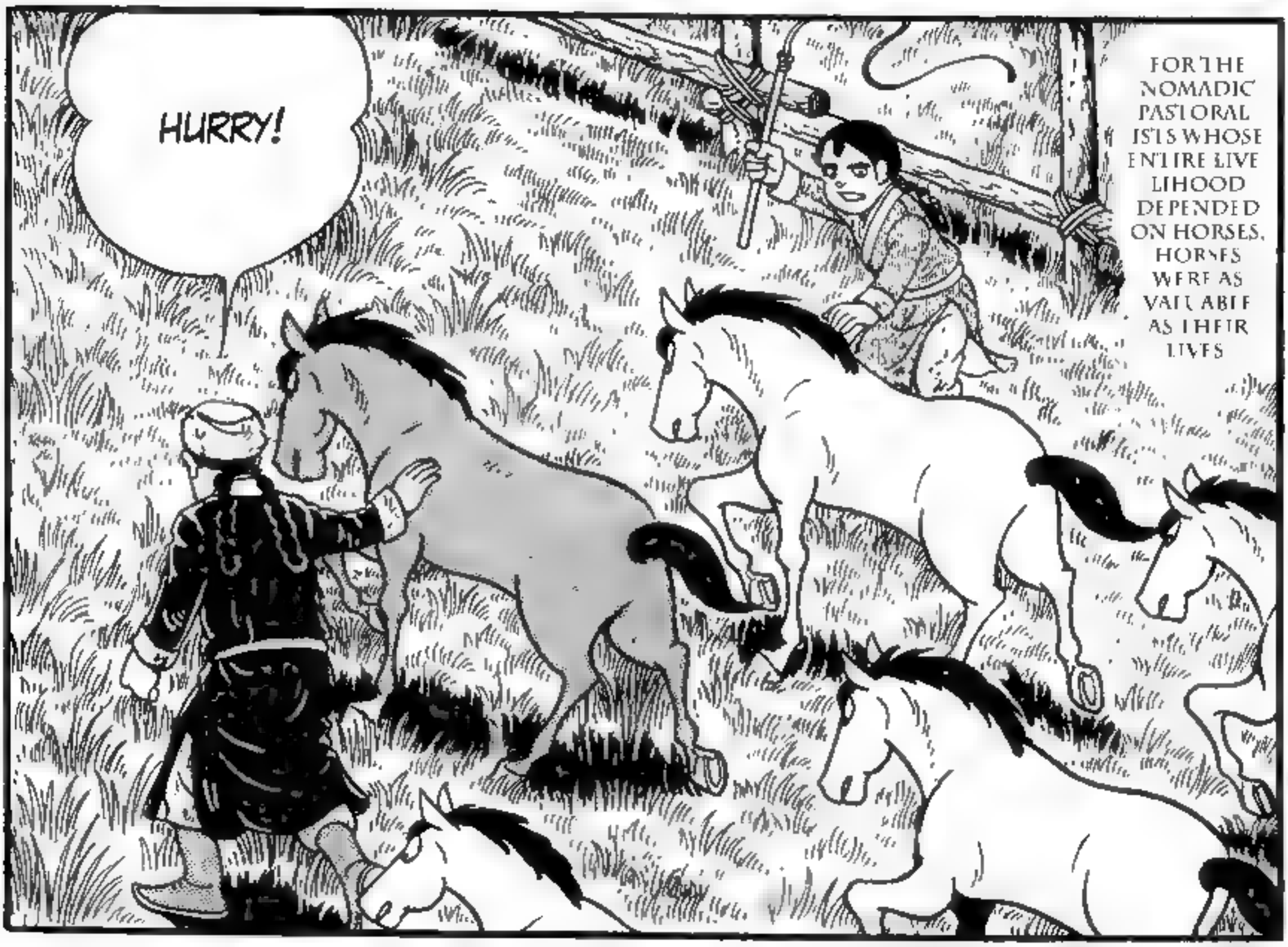
ENEMY RAID! GET IN THE BARRICADE NOW!

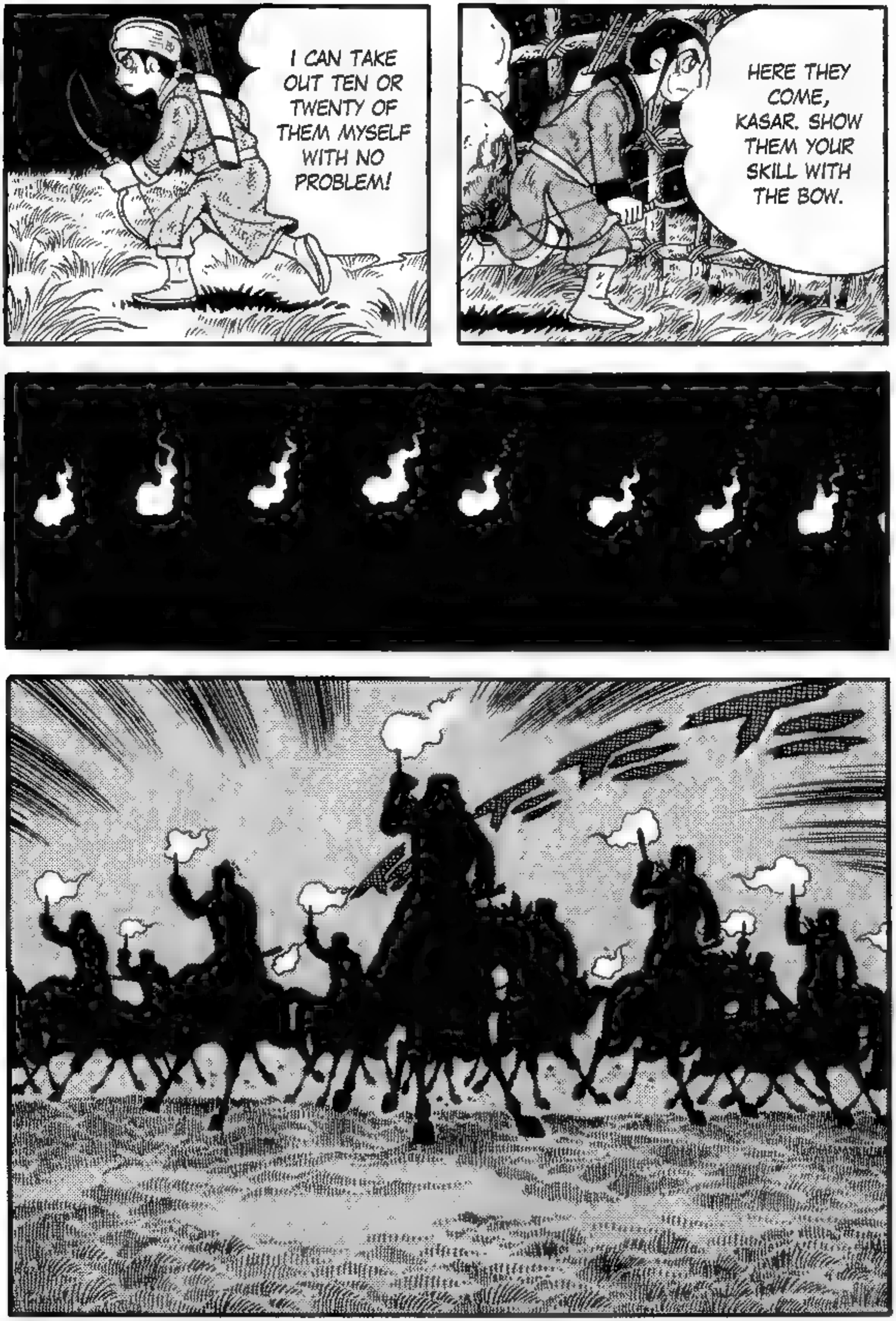
BELGUTEI, WAKE UP! IT'S AN ENEMY RAID!


MOTHER! TAKE TEMUGE AND TEMULUN TO HIDE BY THOSE ROCKS OVER THERE!

RIGHT!

BELGUTEI! KACHUN! GET THE HORSES INSIDE THE BARRICADE!


HURRY!
FOR THE NOMADIC PASTORALISTS WHOSE ENTIRE LIVELIHOOD DEPENDED ON HORSES, HORSES WERE AS VALUABLE AS THEIR LIVES


I CAN TAKE OUT TEN OR TWENTY OF THEM MYSELF WITH NO PROBLEM!
HERE THEY COME, KASAR. SHOW THEM YOUR SKILL WITH THE BOW.

TARKUTAI SENT 300 MEN TO HUNT DOWN A SINGLE FAMILY OF EIGHT!?

BROTHER! THERE AREN'T JUST 40 OR 50 MEN, THERE LOOKS TO BE ALMOST 300 OF THEM!

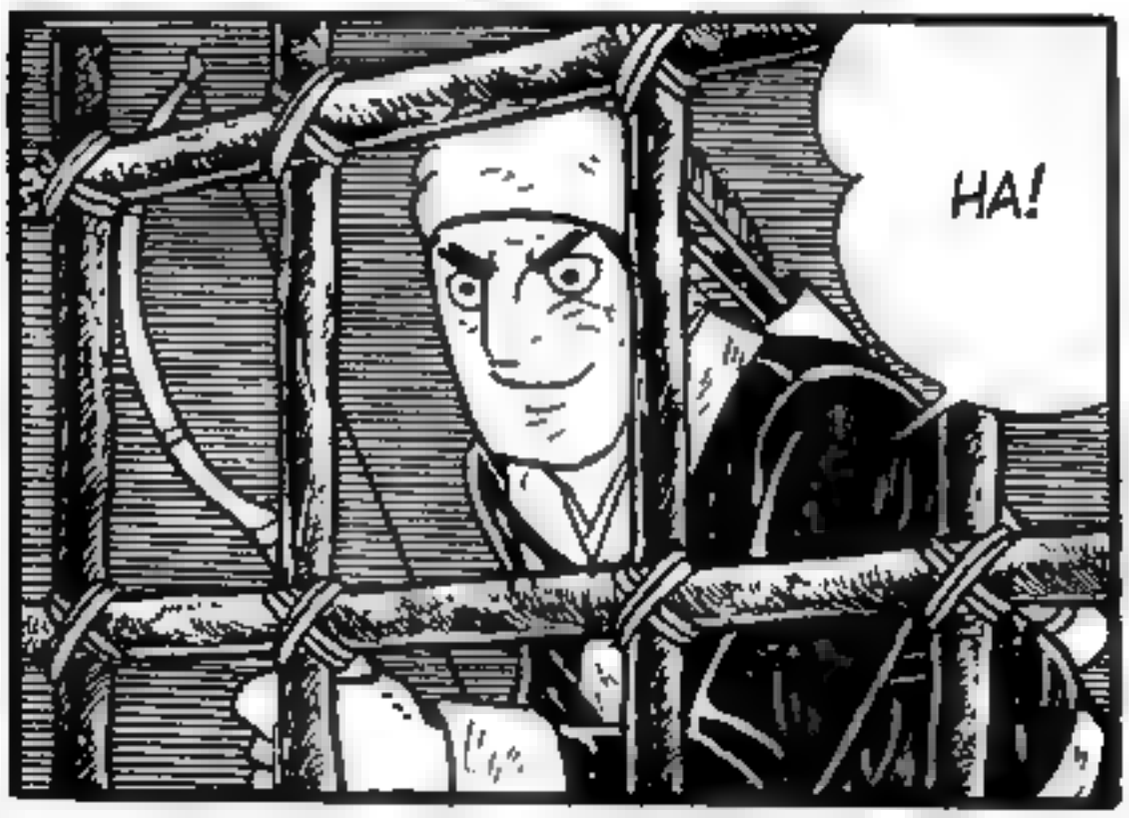
WHAT'S SO FUNNY, BROTHER?

HAHAHA!!

HOW CAN YOU NOT LAUGH AT THIS?

JUST THINK. I'M ONLY 16, KASAR IS 14, BELGUTEI IS 13, YOU'RE 12, TEMUGE IS 10, AND TEMULUN IS 8. 300 WARRIORS SENT TO FIGHT A FAMILY OF 8 CHILDREN AND TWO MOTHERS...

IT GOES TO SHOW YOU JUST HOW FRIGHTENED TARKUTAI IS OF US. LET US NOT BETRAY HIS EXPECTATIONS THEN, BROTHERS.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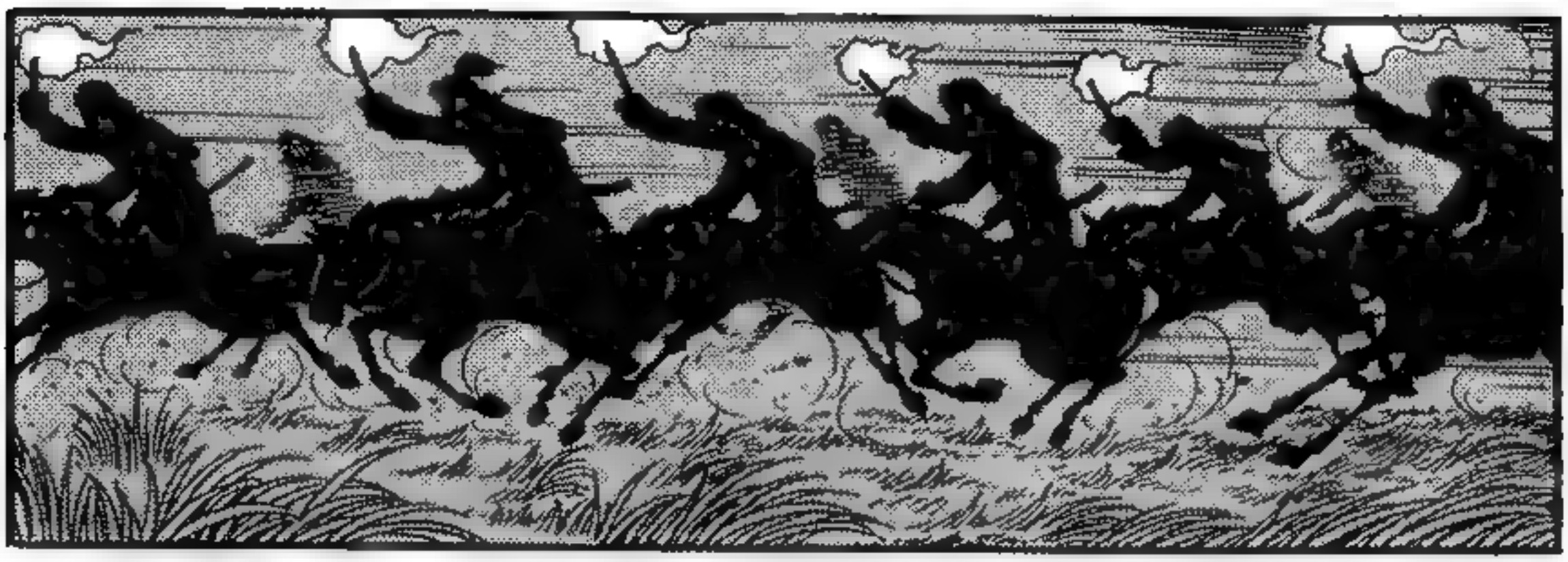
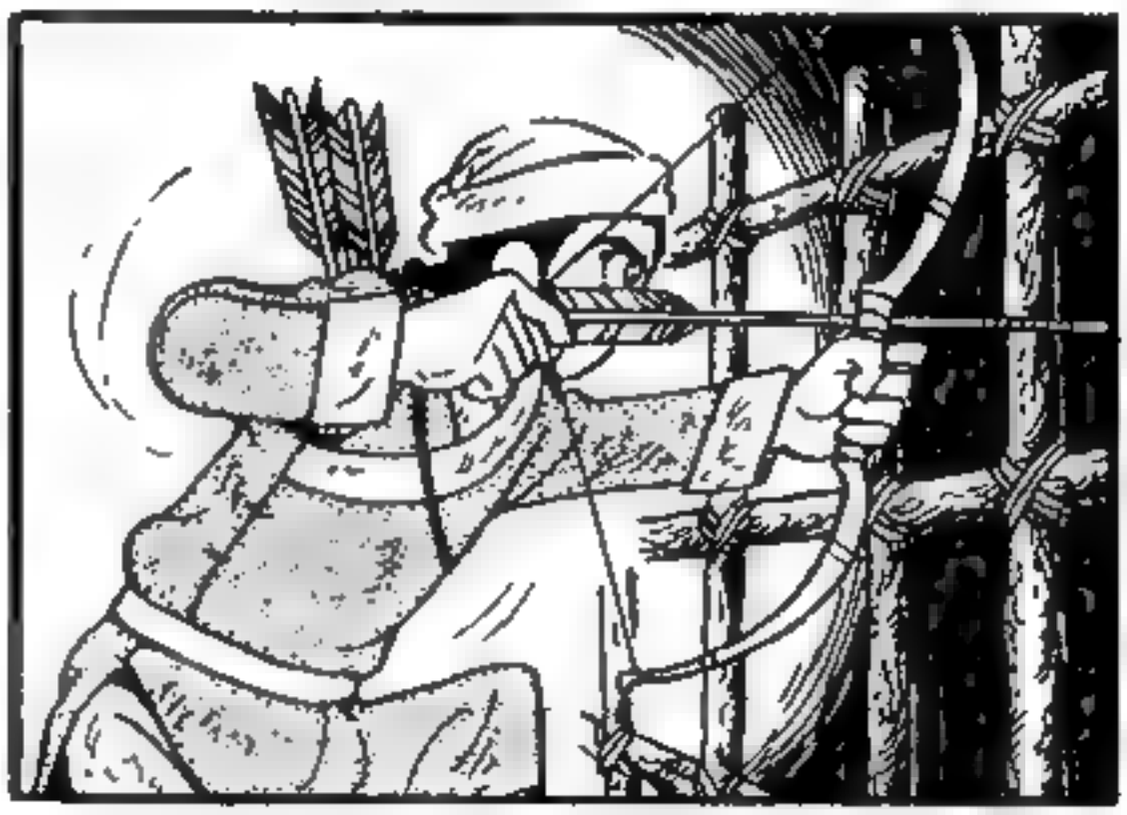
YES, LET'S SHOW THEM JUST HOW FRIGHTENING WE ARE!

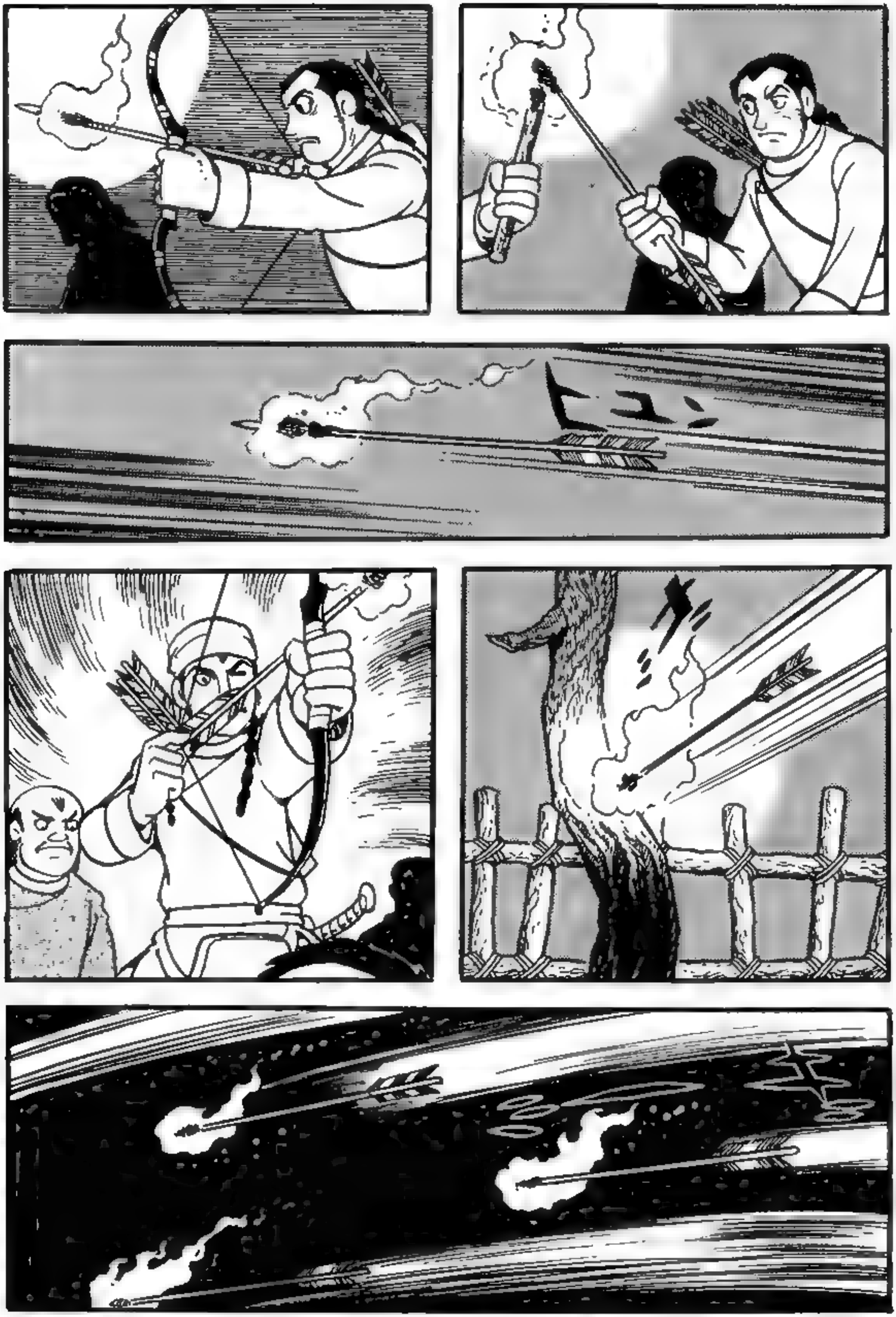




WE CAN'T GET THROUGH THIS WITH OUR HORSES!

THEY BUILT A DAMN STOCKADE!

WORRY NOT, JUST PELT THEM WITH FIRE ARROWS FROM AFAR.



GET BEHIND!

LISTEN WELL, TEMUCHIN! I'VE COME FOR YOU AND ONLY YOU! IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO ENDANGER THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY, I SUGGEST YOU COME OUT AT ONCE!

BUT MOTHER...

TEMUCHIN, TAKE THE HORSE AND RUN FOR IT!

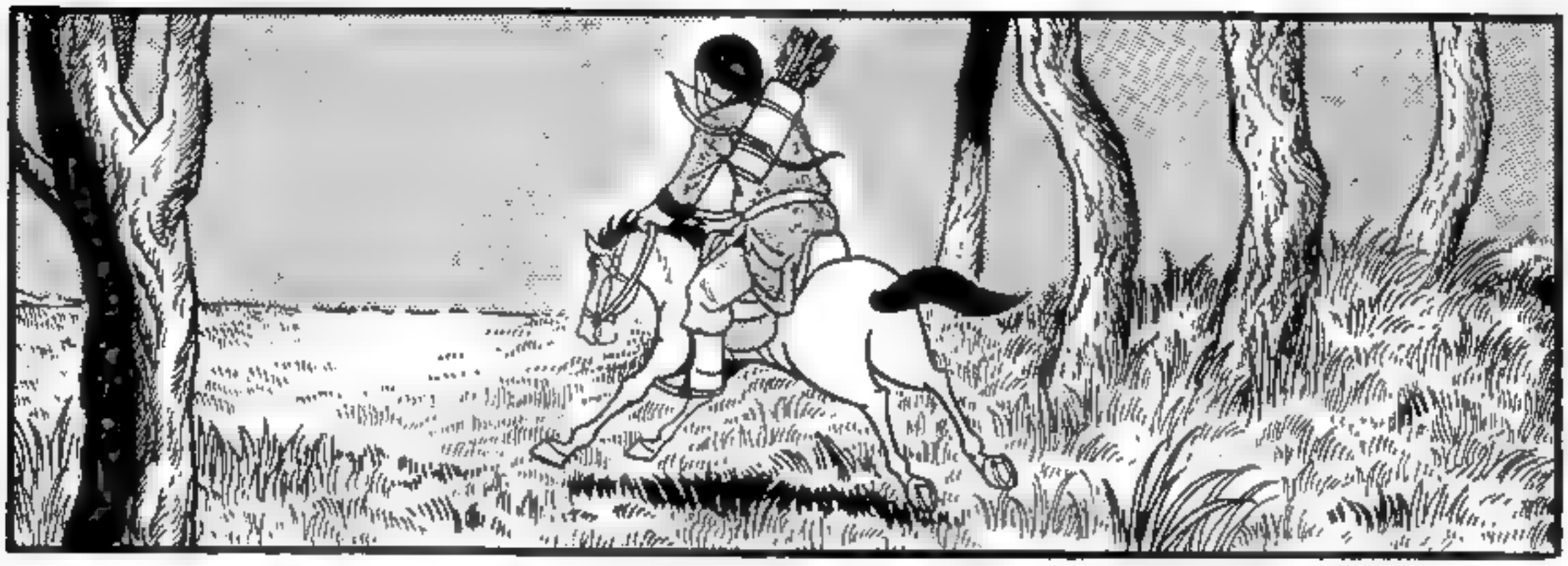
FIGHTING AGAINST SUCH OVERWHELMING NUMBERS WILL ONLY INEVITABLY END IN ALL OUR DEATHS. SINCE THEY'RE ONLY AFTER YOU, YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT THE REST OF US. NOW ESCAPE WHILE YOU STILL CAN!

YES...

MOTHER IS RIGHT. OUR ARROWS WILL SOON RUN OUT AND THEN WE'LL HAVE NO WAY OF EVEN FIGHTING!

YES.

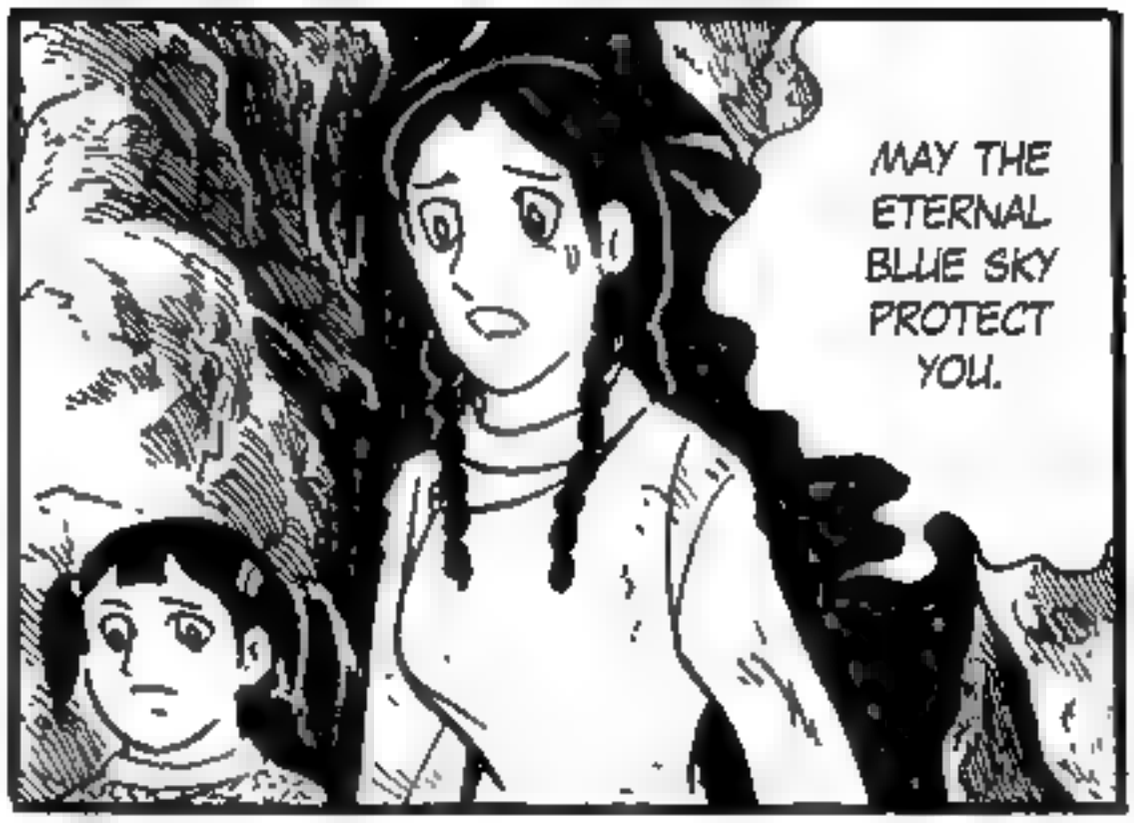
IF YOU ALL SURVIVE, THEN LET US MEET AGAIN AT NORTH OF THE BURKHAL KHALDUN.



AFTER HIM!

AH! HE'S GETTING AWAY!

PLEASE DON'T DIE, TEMUCHIN...


MAY THE ETERNAL BLUE SKY PROTECT YOU.

MAYBE IF I HIDE IN THE FOREST AT THE FOOT OF THE TERGUNE MOUNTAINS, I CAN EVADE THEM.

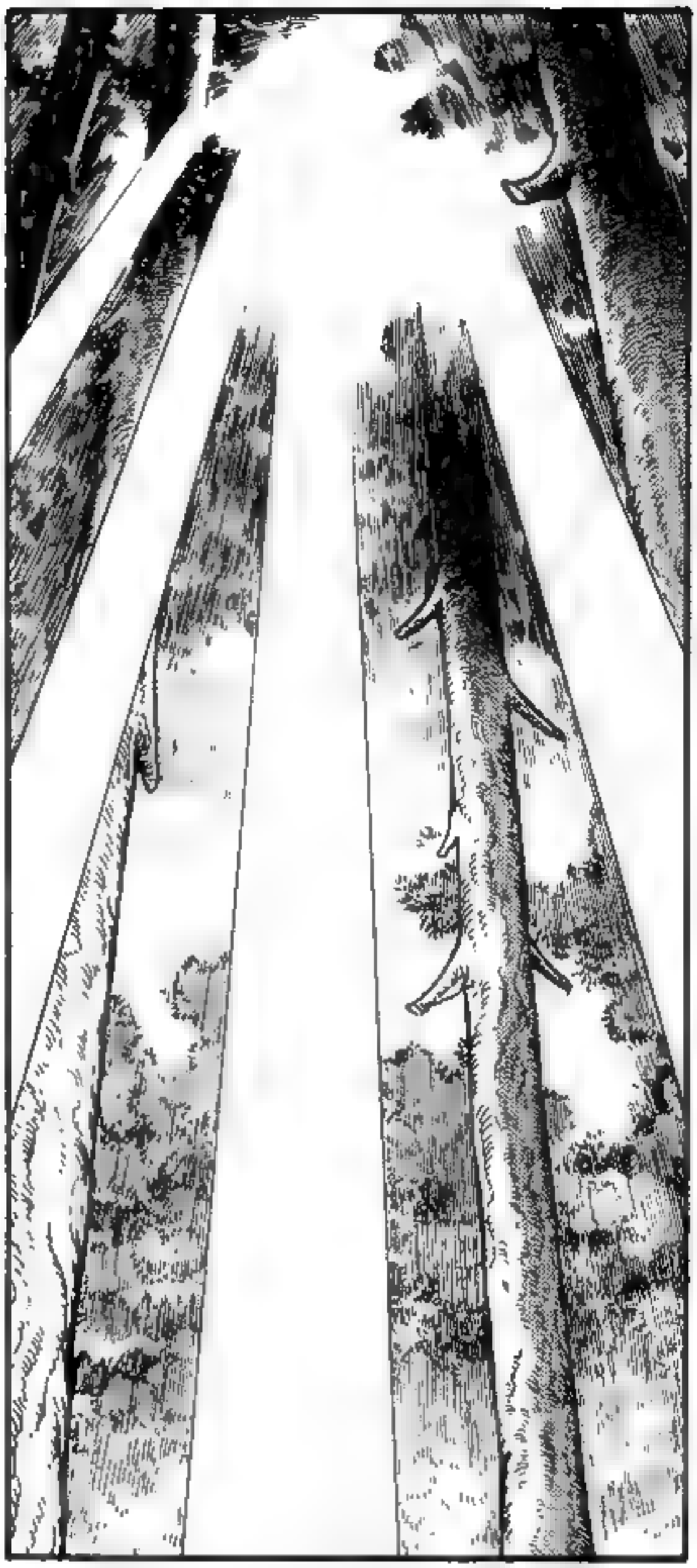
IT'S GOING TO BE HARD FINDING HIM NOW...

DAMN IT, HE'S RUN OFF INTO THE FOREST!

RIGHT!

SPLIT UP AND START SEARCHING!

WITH BATED BREATH, TEMUCHIN WAITED FOR THE ENEMIES TO GIVE UP THEIR SEARCH.



SINCE HE COULDN'T RISK STARTING A FIRE TO COOK, HE SUSTAINED HIMSELF ON RAW GRASSES AND ROOTS.

ANOTHER DAY HAD PASSED

IT'S BEEN 9 DAYS... THE ENEMIES SHOULD HAVE GIVEN UP BY NOW.

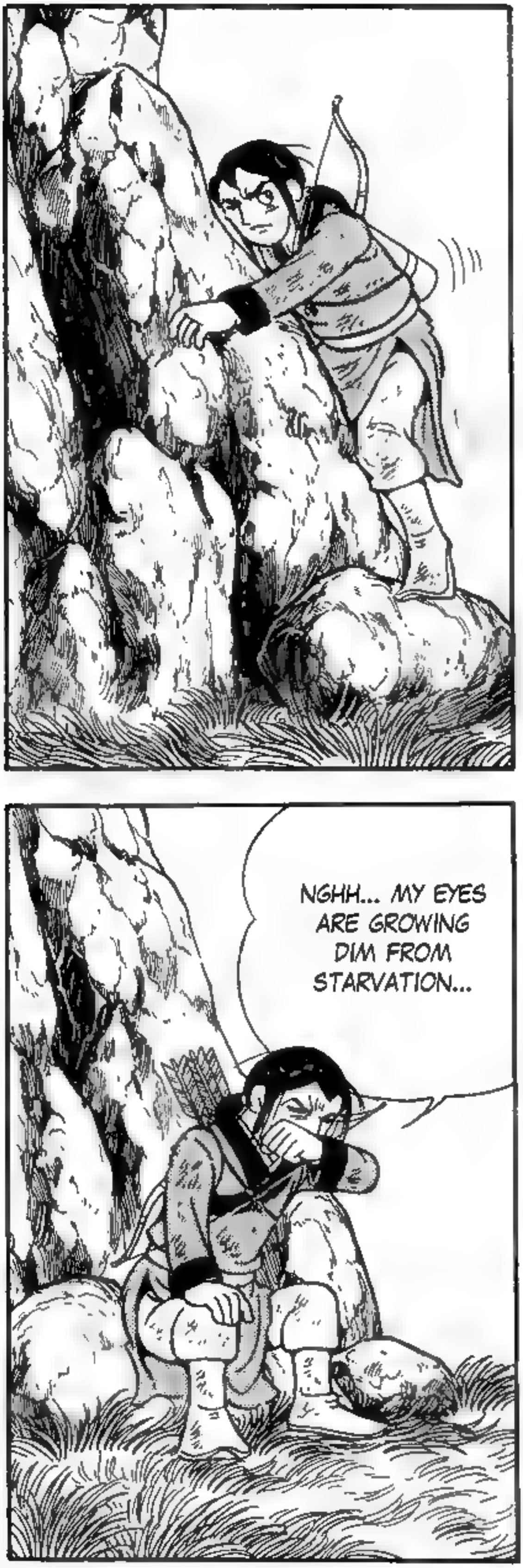
IF I KEEP HIDING HERE ANY LONGER, I'LL END UP IGNOMINIOUSLY STARVING TO DEATH.

HM...

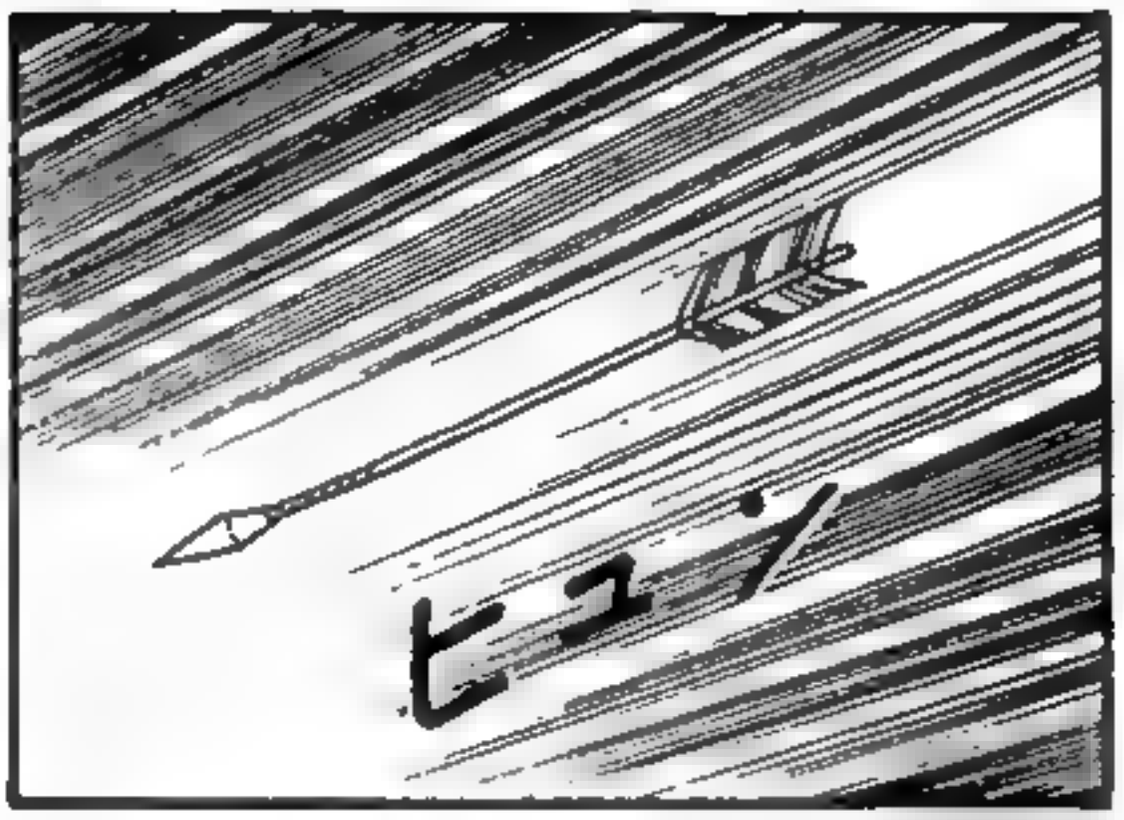
I'M AFRAID THIS IS WHERE WE MUST PART WAYS. I MUST GO DOWN THIS CLIFF TO ESCAPE.

A HORSE CAN'T SCALE THIS CLIFF...

NOW RUN! GO WHEREVER YOU WANT!


NGHH... MY EYES ARE GROWING DIM FROM STARVATION...

AH!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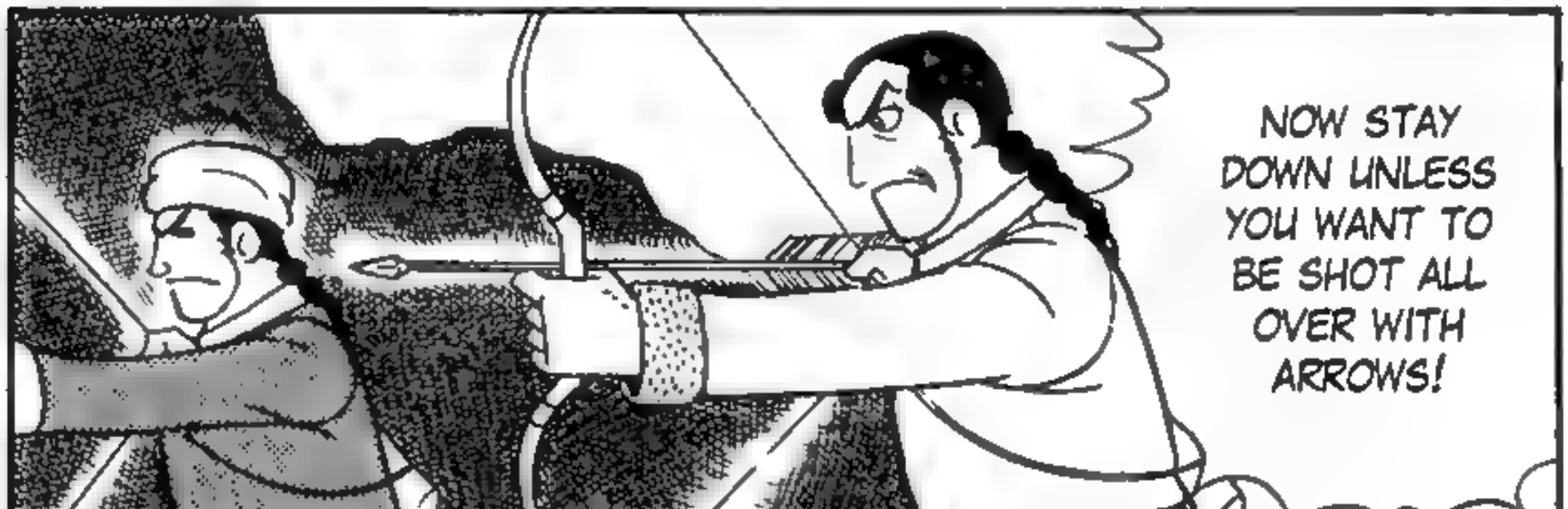
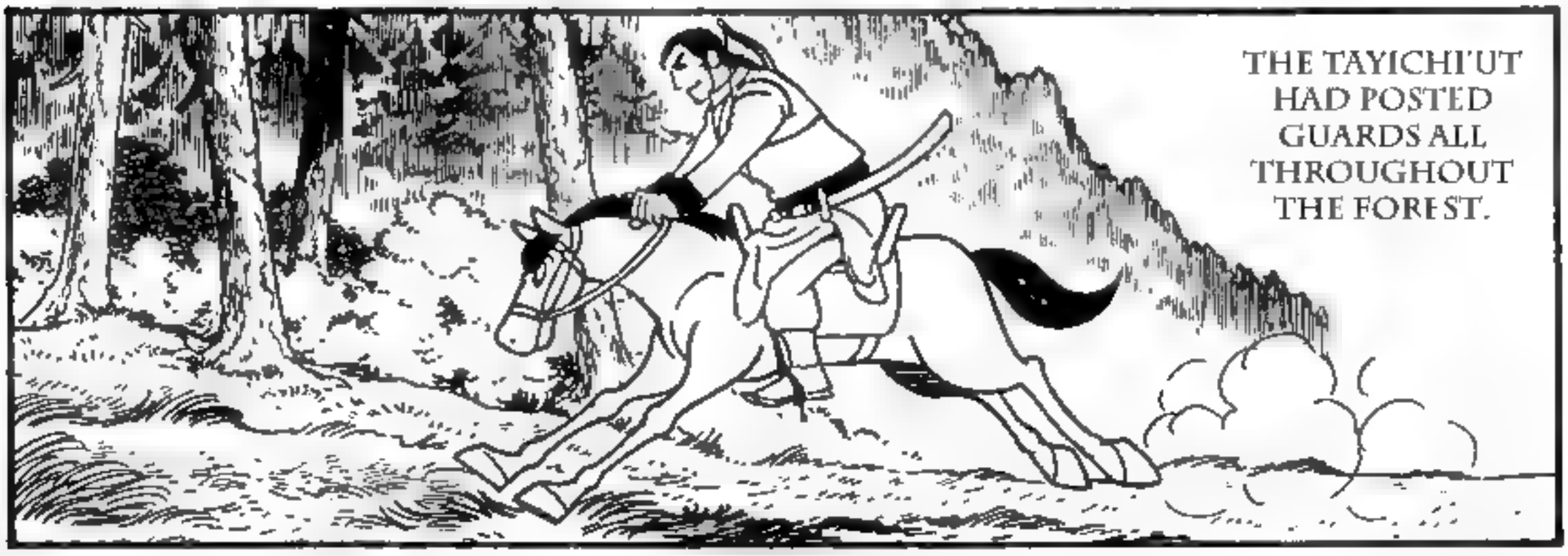
DID YOU REALLY THINK WE'D GIVE UP SO EASILY?
SO YOU FINALLY REVEALED YOURSELF, TEMUCHIN.

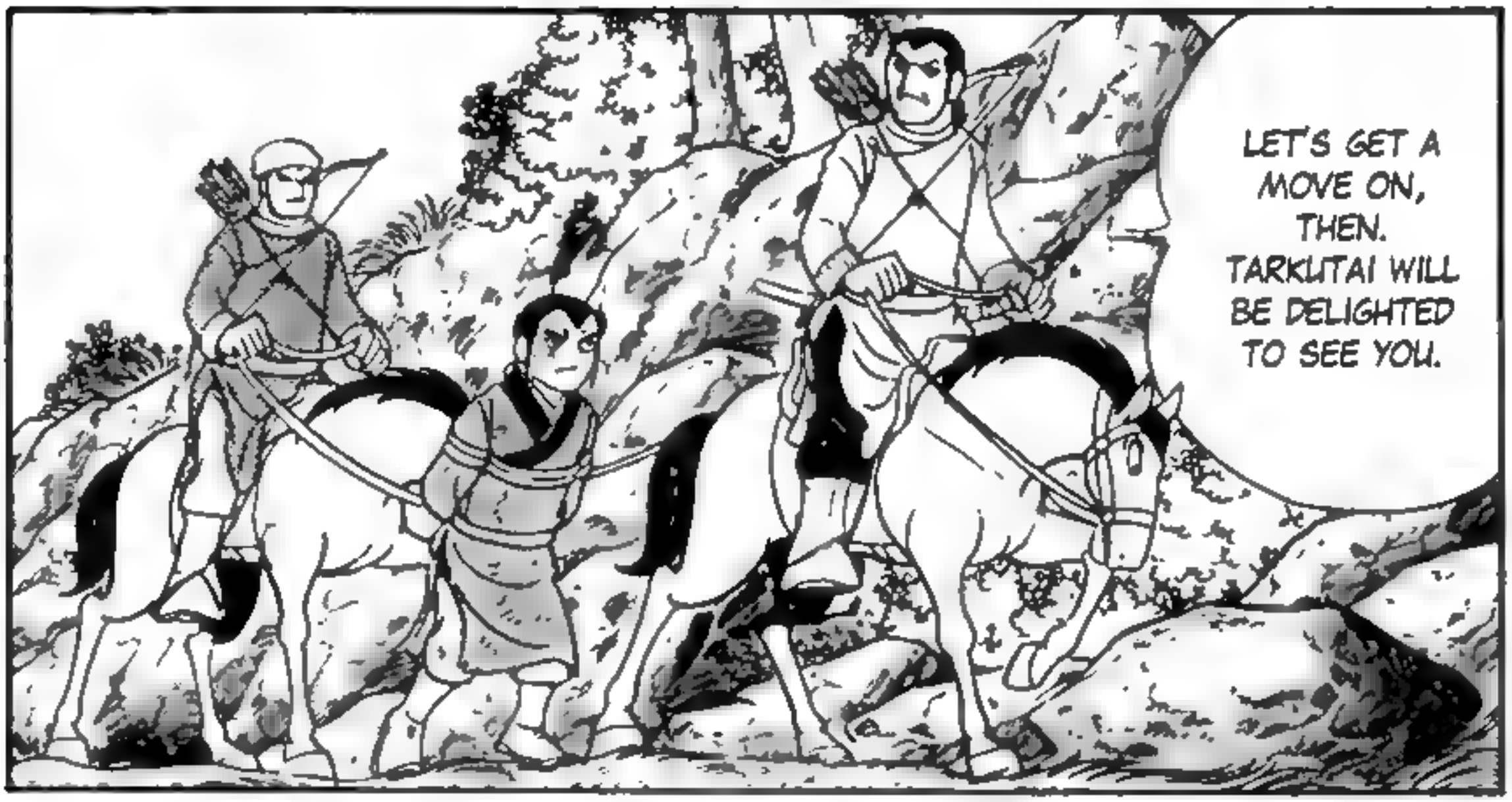

NOW STAY DOWN UNLESS YOU WANT TO BE SHOT ALL OVER WITH ARROWS!

HMPH, PRETTY TOUGH FOR A KID.

FINE. DO AS YOU WISH.

YES.
TELL THE OTHERS THAT WE FINALLY CAUGHT TEMUCHIN.


THE TAYICHI'UT HAD POSTED GUARDS ALL THROUGHOUT THE FOREST.


LET'S GET A MOVE ON, THEN. TARKUTAI WILL BE DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU.

THE JAYICHI UT WERE CURRENTLY ENCAMPED ALONG THE ONON RIVER

AH, SO YOU FINALLY CAUGHT HIM? QUITE A TENACIOUS BRAT, AREN'T YOU?

YES.

PARADE HIM AROUND THE GERS.

COME!

TAKE A GOOD LOOK! THIS IS YISUGEI'S ELDEST SON, TEMUCHIN, NOW A CAPTIVE OF TARKUTAI!

TEMUCHIN RECOGNIZED MANY FACES IN THE CROWD, AND THEY LOOKED BACK AT HIM WITH MIXED, DIFFICULT EXPRESSIONS.

THUS BEGAN TEMUCHIN'S LIFE AS A SLAVE.

ON THE DAY OF THE RED MOON TO CELEBRATE THE SUMMER SOLSTICE, TARKUTAI HELD A GRAND FEAST ALONG THE BANKS OF THE ONON RIVER.

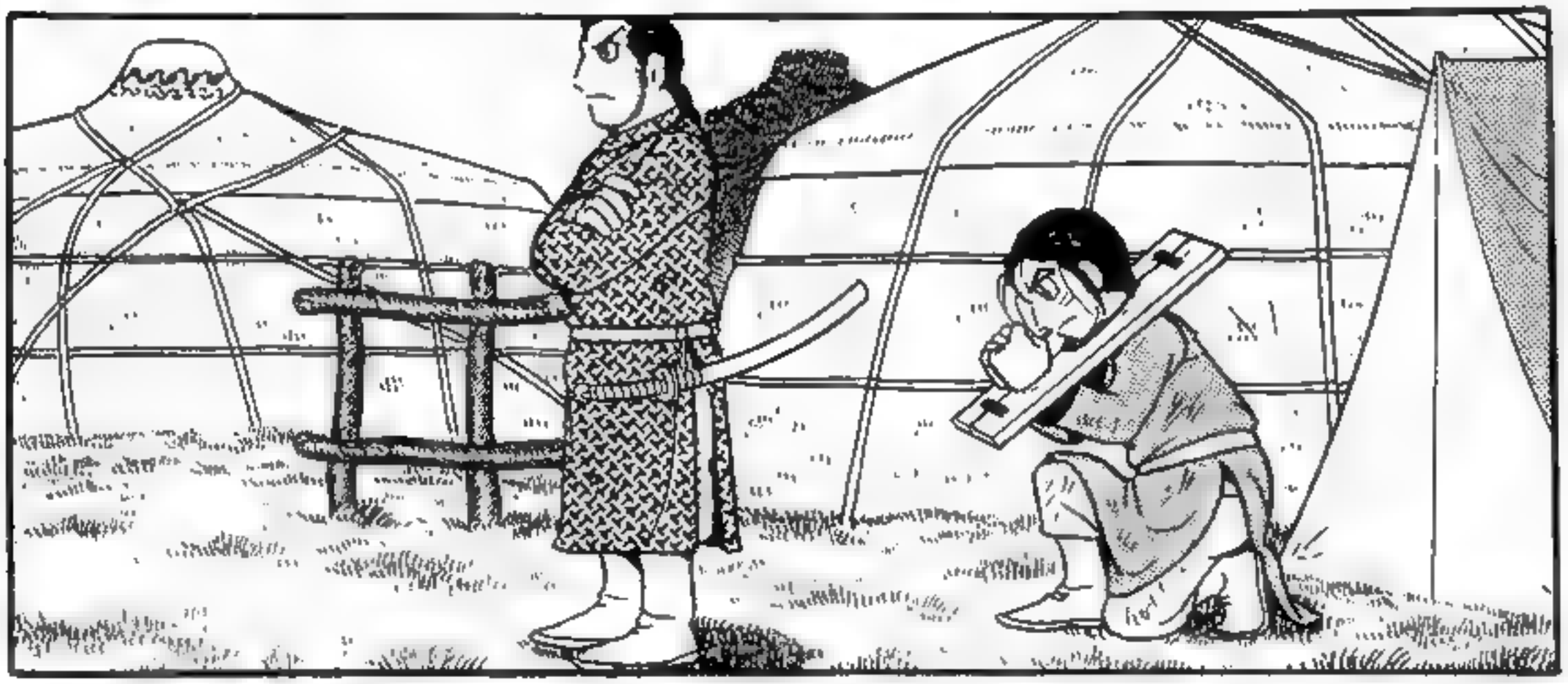
MY ORDERS ARE TO KEEP YOU UNDER WATCH.

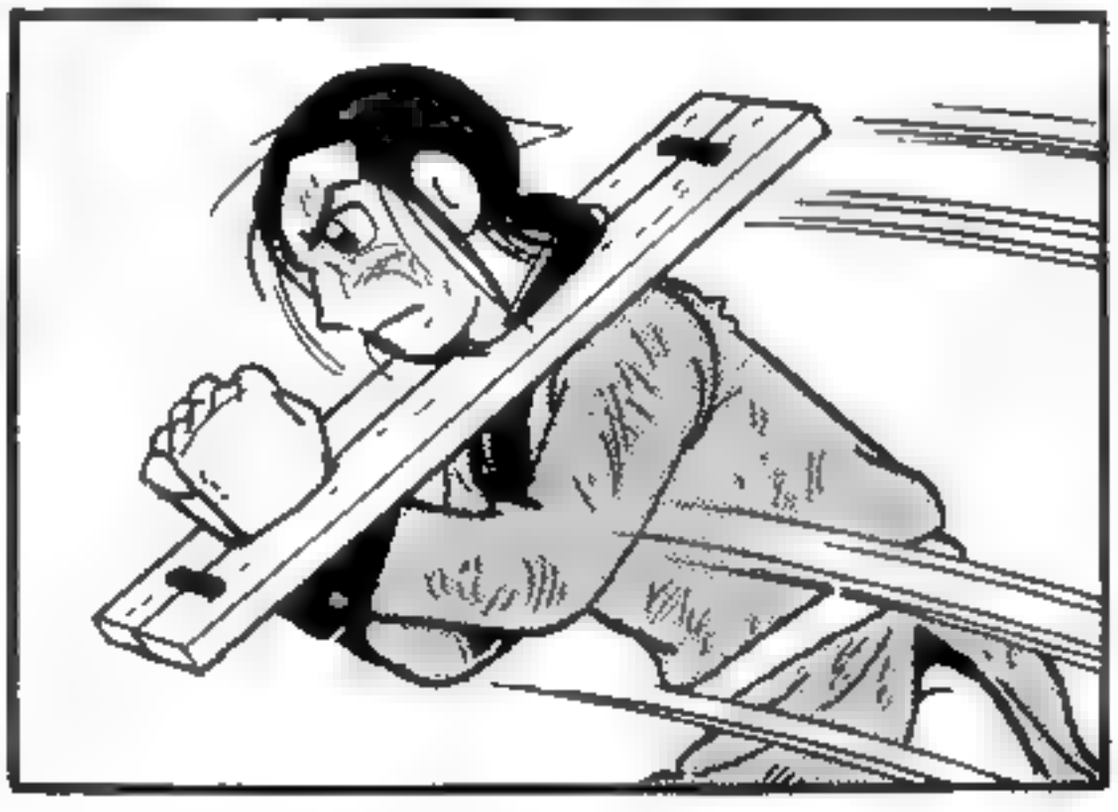
ARE YOU NOT GOING TO THE FEAST?

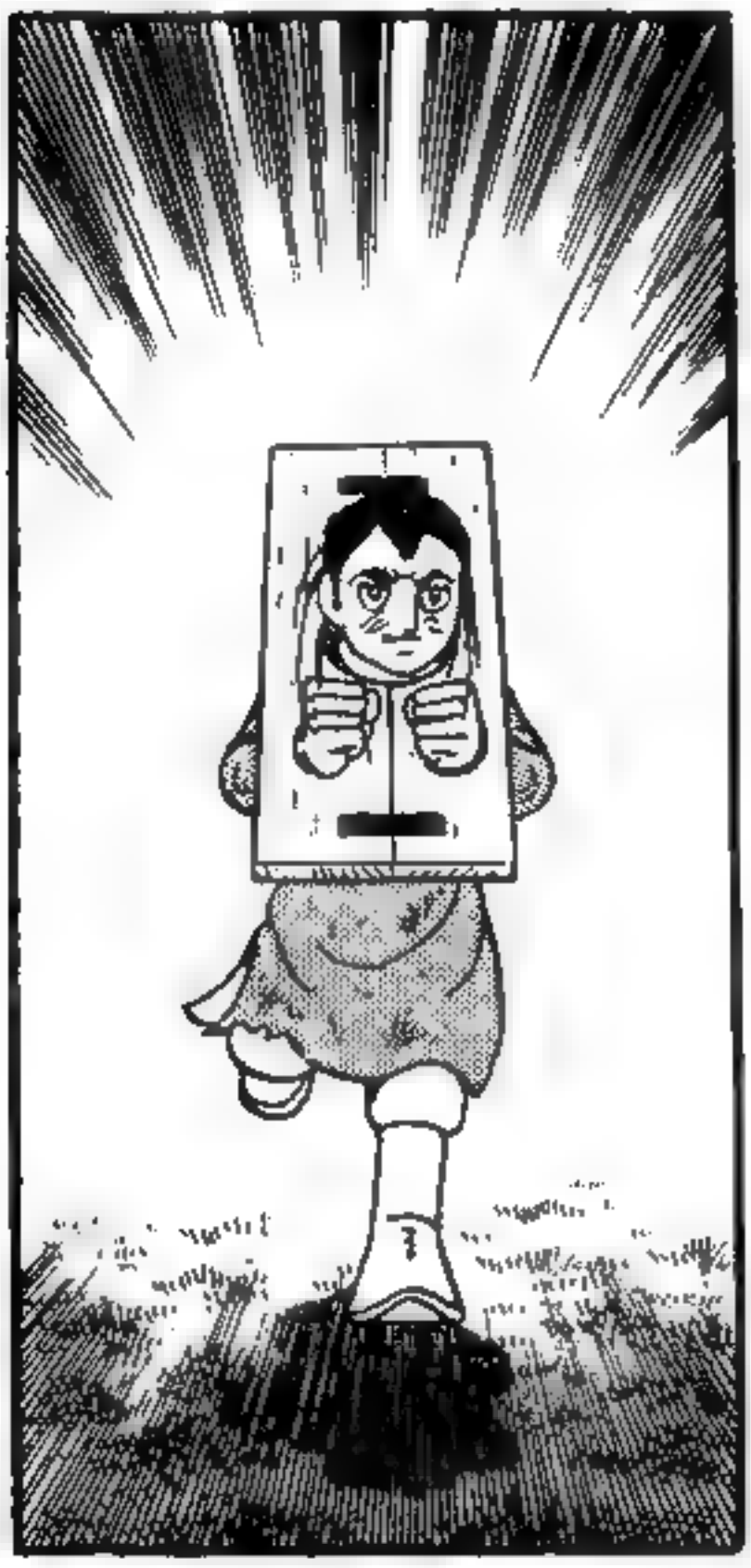
THEM'S THE BREAKS. STILL, I CAN EAT AND DRINK AS MUCH AS I WANT LATER ON IN THE DAY AFTER MY SHIFT'S OVER.

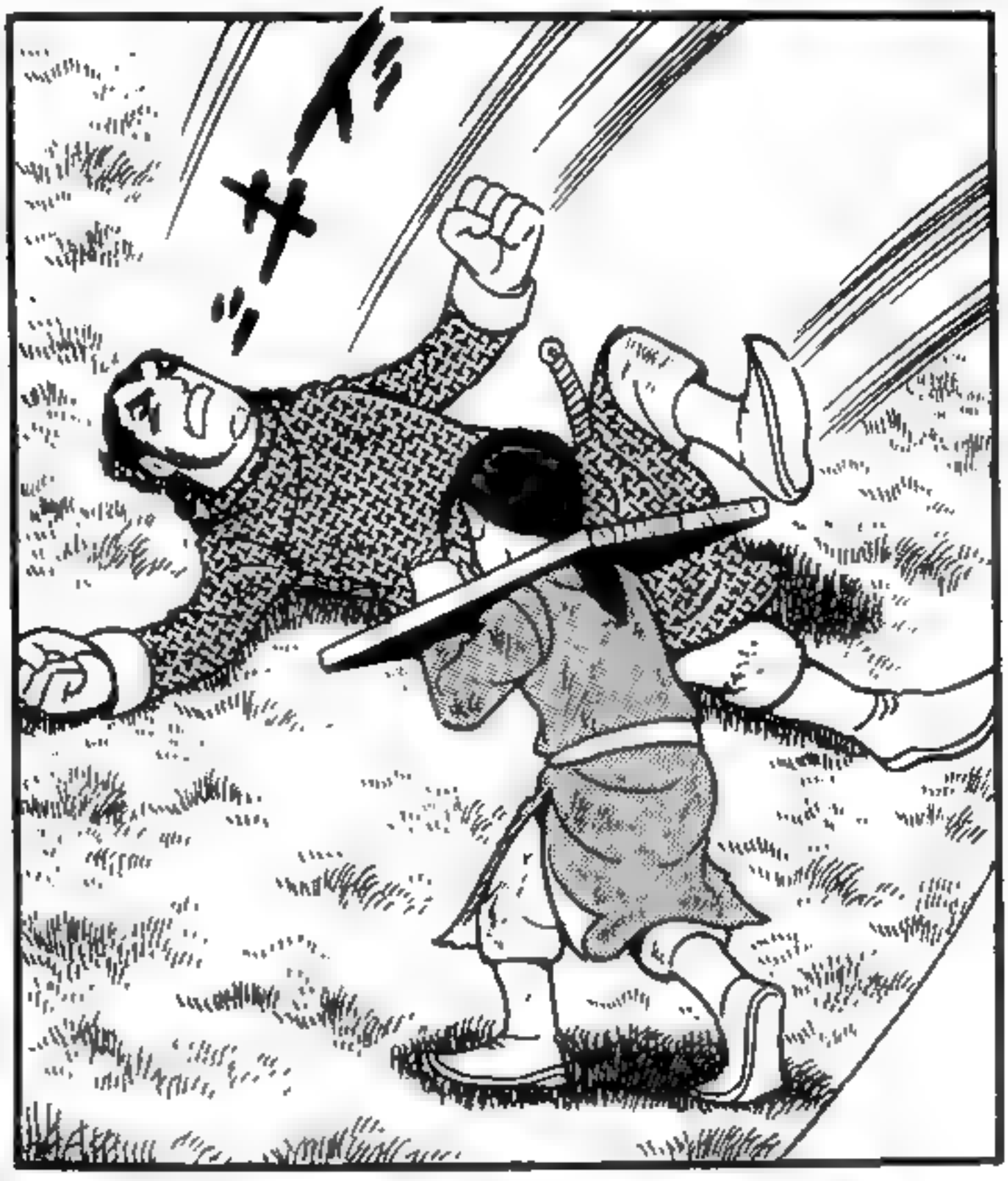
DON'T YOU FEEL LONELY FROM HAVING TO BE THE ONLY ONE WORKING?

THEN I BETTER MAKE MY ATTEMPT NOW...









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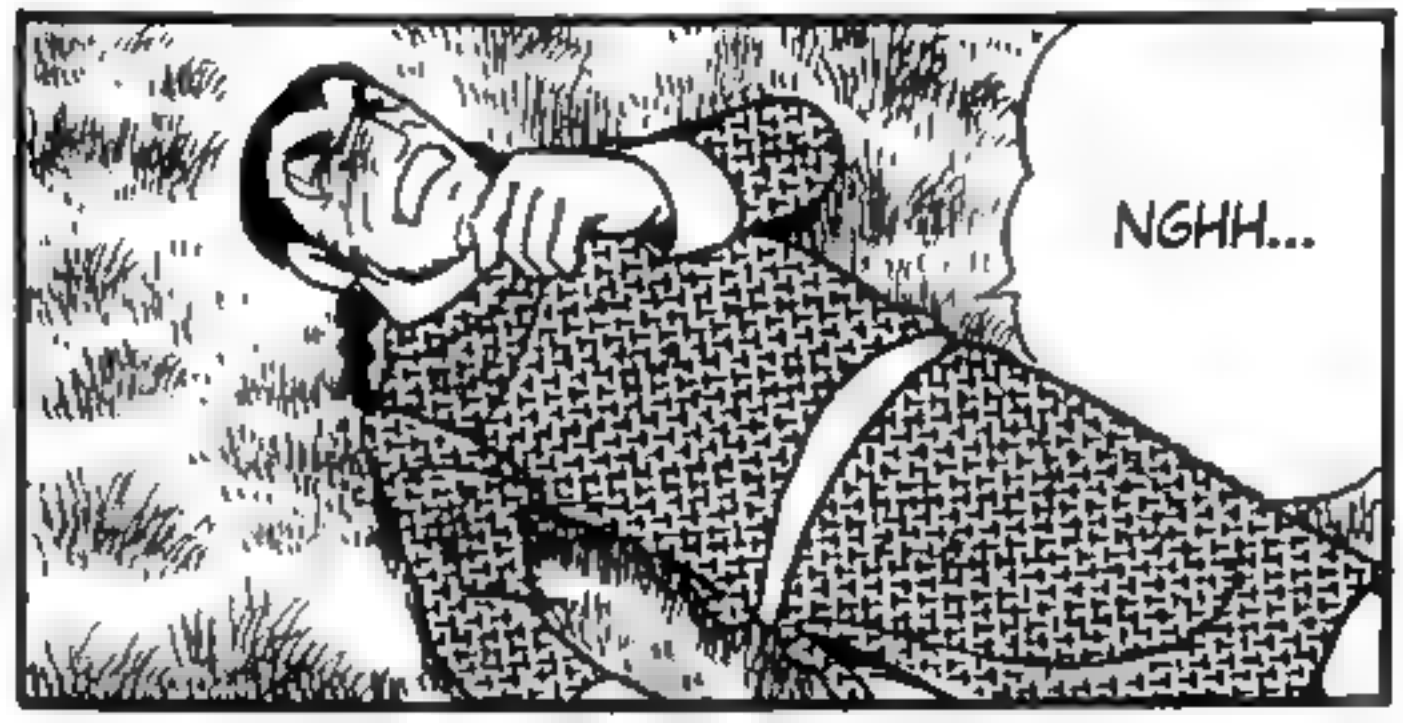
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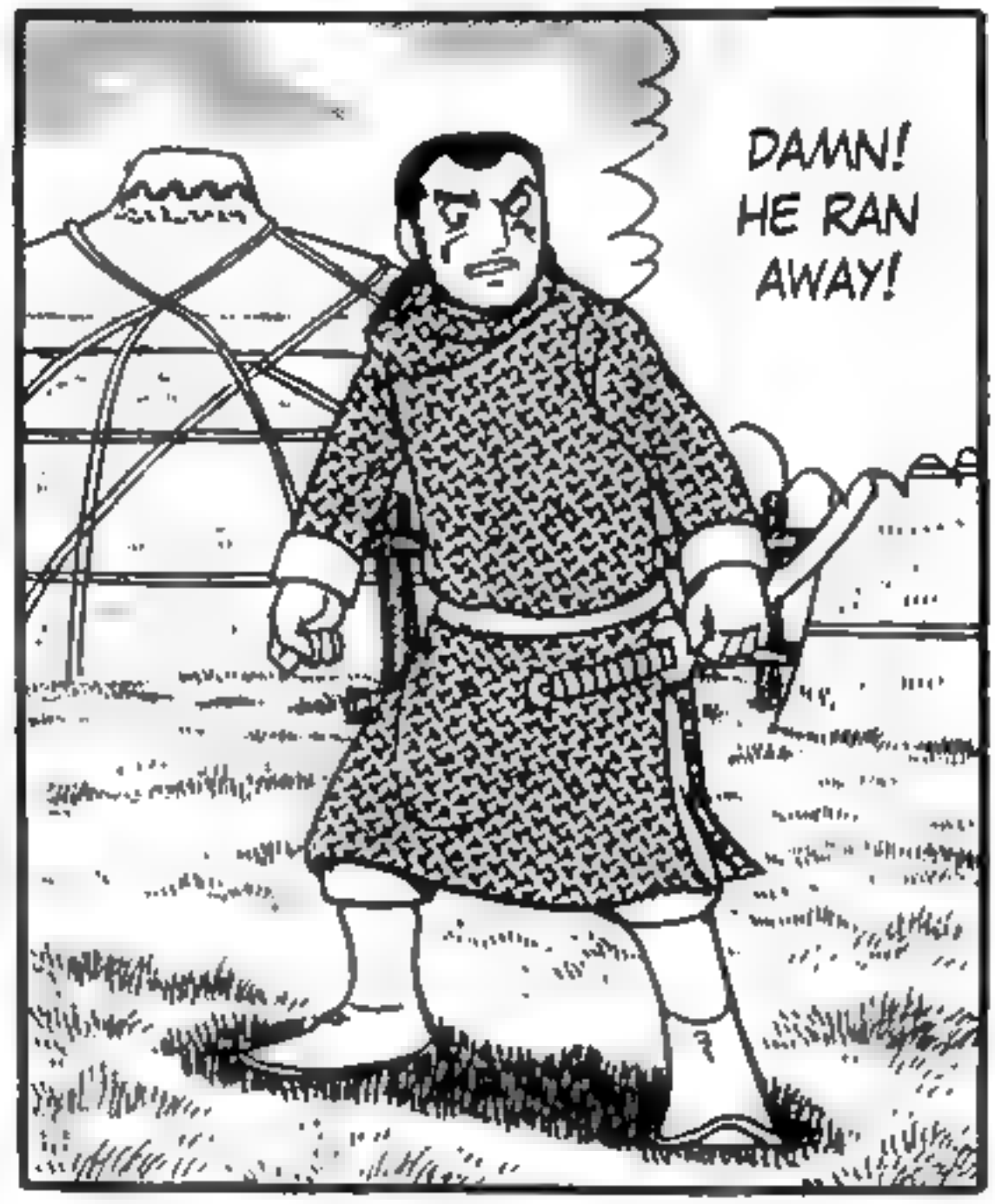
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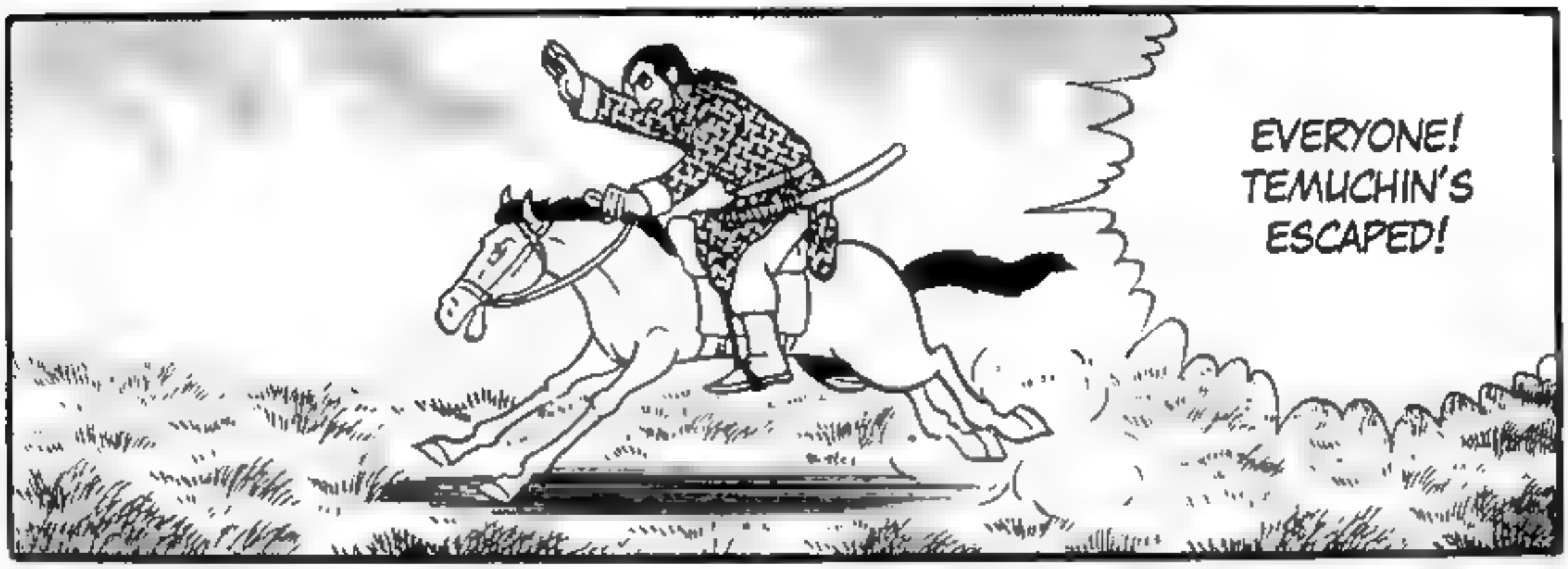

EVERYONE! TEMUCHIN'S ESCAPED!

TEMUCHIN HAS ESCAPED!

FIND HIM AT ONCE!

HE HAS!?

HE'S WEARING A CANGUE AROUND HIS NECK AND HANDS SO HE COULDN'T HAVE GONE VERY FAR!
HAS HE STILL NOT BEEN FOUND!?

SEARCH EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY TWICE!

HE MUST BE HIDING SOMEWHERE...

KOOOO

I WAS RIGHT TO HIDE IN THE RIVER-BANKS CLOSE TO THE GERS INSTEAD OF RUNNING FAR AWAY. THEY'D NEVER EXPECT I'D BE HIDING SOMEWHERE SO CLOSE...

WHO'S THERE?

I'LL TELL YOU WHEN THE DANGER HAS PASSED. DON'T MOVE UNTIL THEN.

SORKAN-SHIRA, A MAN WHO ONCE SERVED YISUGEI.

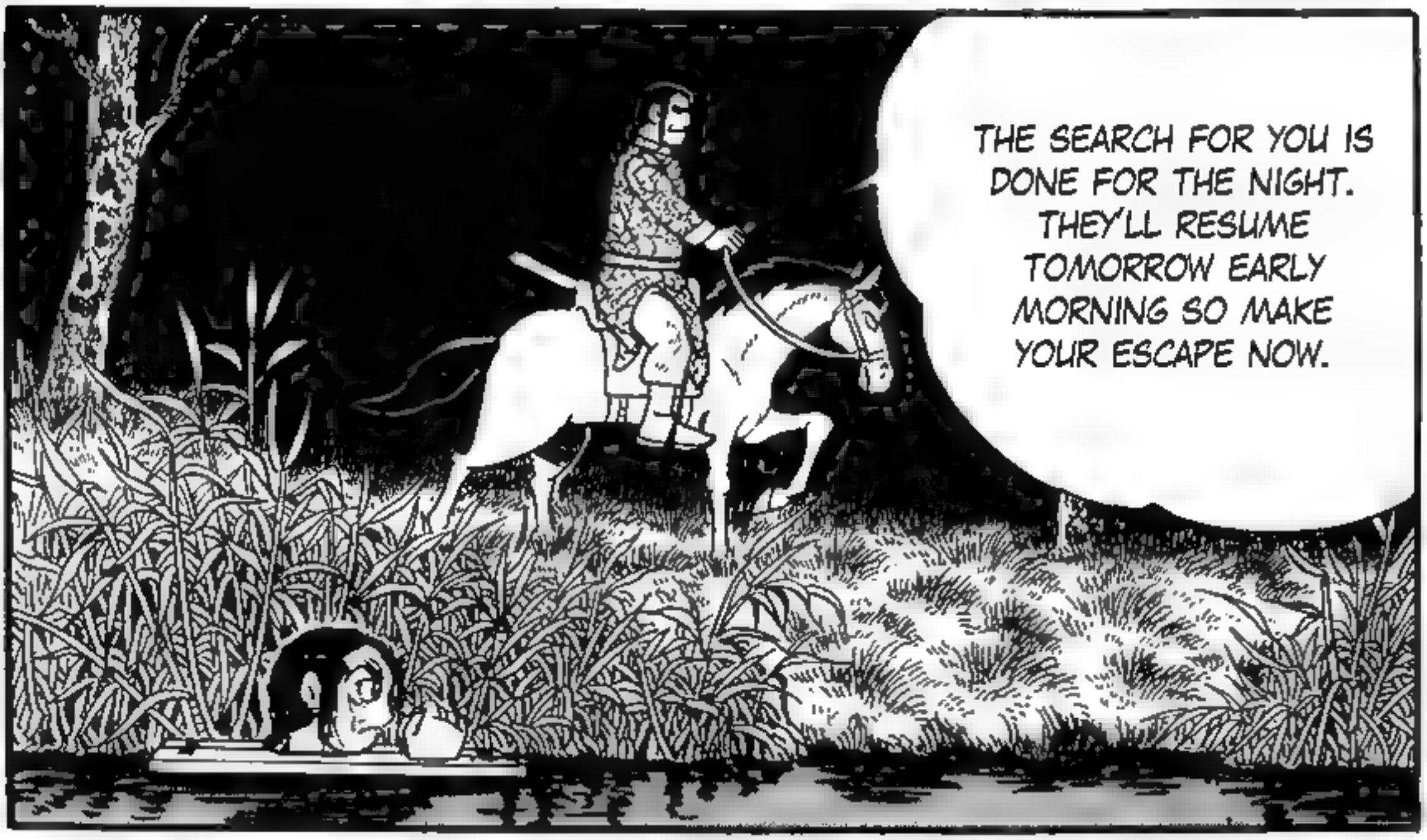
SO I STILL HAD AN ALLY...

IF WE FAILED TO FIND HIM IN BROAD DAYLIGHT, HOW CAN WE FIND HIM IN THIS DARKNESS? I SAY WE RESUME THE SEARCH TOMORROW WHEN THE SUN IS OUT.

AND WITH THAT CANGUE, IT'S NOT AS IF HE CAN RUN VERY FAR OR FAST...

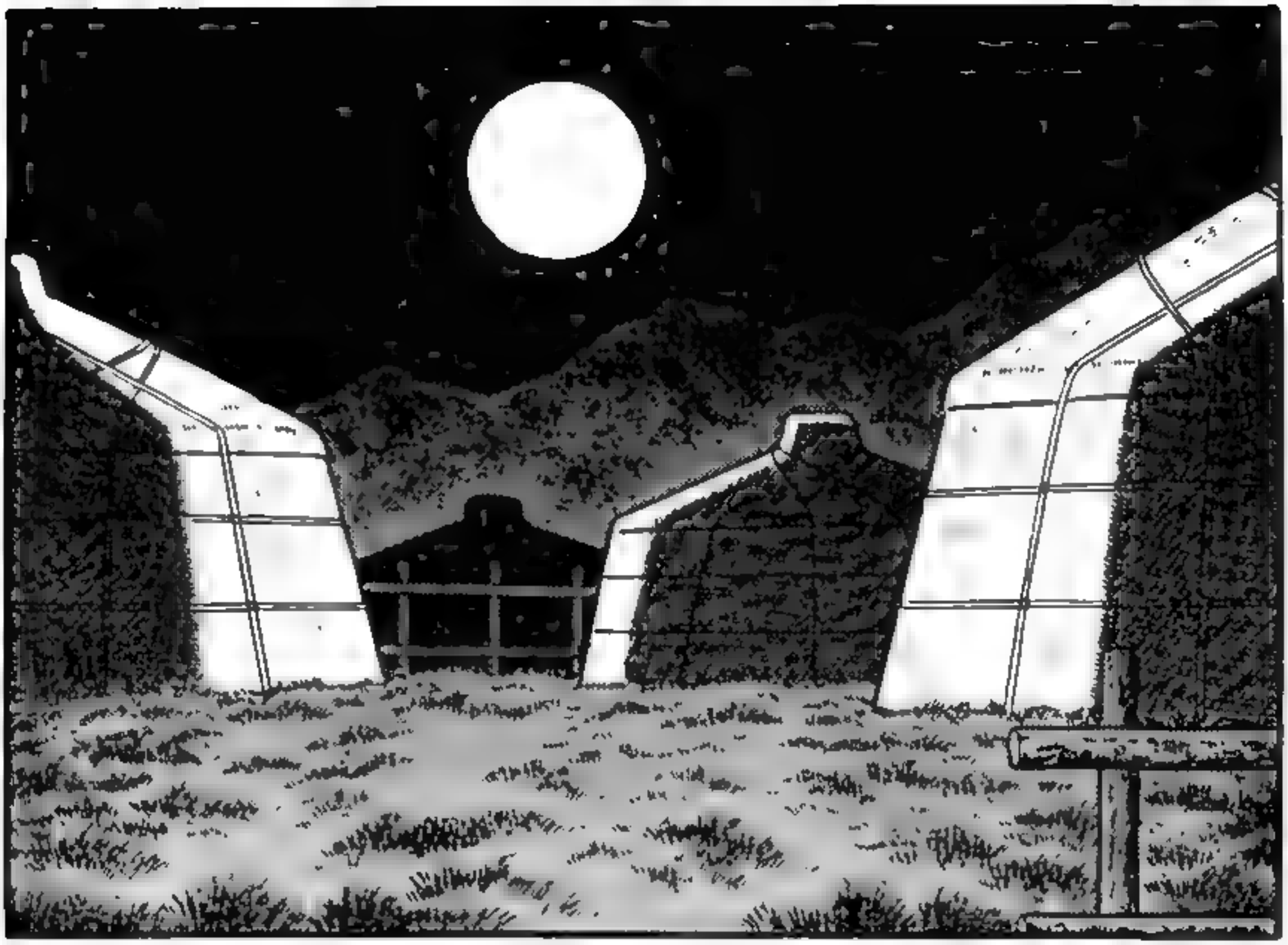
TRUE...

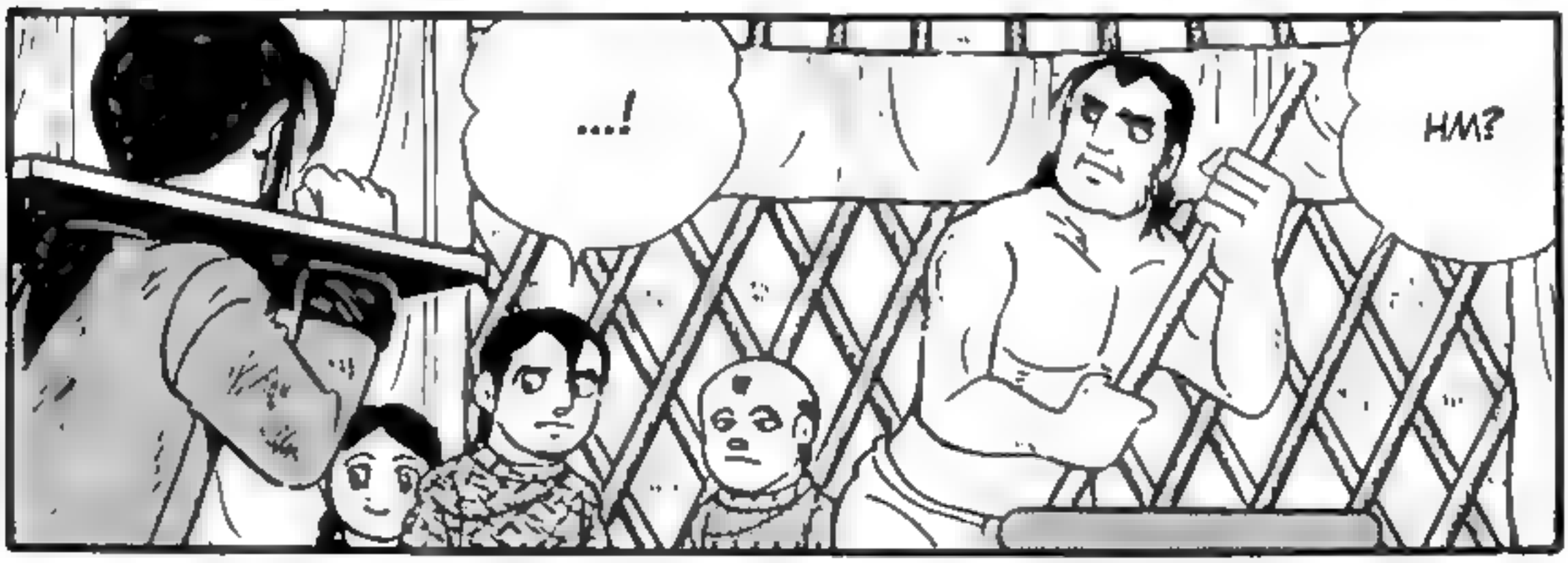
ALRIGHT, LET US RESUME THE SEARCH TOMORROW!


THE SEARCH FOR YOU IS DONE FOR THE NIGHT. THEY'LL RESUME TOMORROW EARLY MORNING SO MAKE YOUR ESCAPE NOW.

LIKE I CAN ESCAPE WITH NO HORSE AND THIS THING STILL AROUND MY HEAD!

MY BEST BET IS TO TAKE REFUGE INSIDE THAT MAN'S GER.

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HM?

BUT JUST HOW FAR DO YOU THINK I CAN RUN BY TOMORROW MORNING WITH THIS CANGUE?

WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR, TEMUCHIN!? IF TARKUTAI FINDS OUT I HELPED YOU AVOID CAPTURE, HE'LL HAVE ME KILLED! DO YOU NOT KNOW HOW TO PAY YOUR DEBTS!?

FATHER, WHY DO YOU SPEAK SO CRUELLY? WHEN A FALCON CHASES A SPARROW INTO THE BUSH, THE BUSHES OFFER AID. NOW THAT HE'S HERE, WE MUST AID HIM.

STILL, I CANNOT HAVE YOU ENDANGER THE LIVES OF ME AND MY FAMILY!

THAT'S RIGHT. TEMUCHIN PRESENTED US WITH A DEER'S CLAW LONG AGO, SO WE MUST GIVE HIM AID.

THANK YOU.

...FINE, I GUESS WE CAN AT LEAST REMOVE THE CANGUE.

I'M CHIMBAI, AND THIS IS MY YOUNGER BROTHER CHILA'UN.

WHAT WAS YOUR NAME AGAIN?

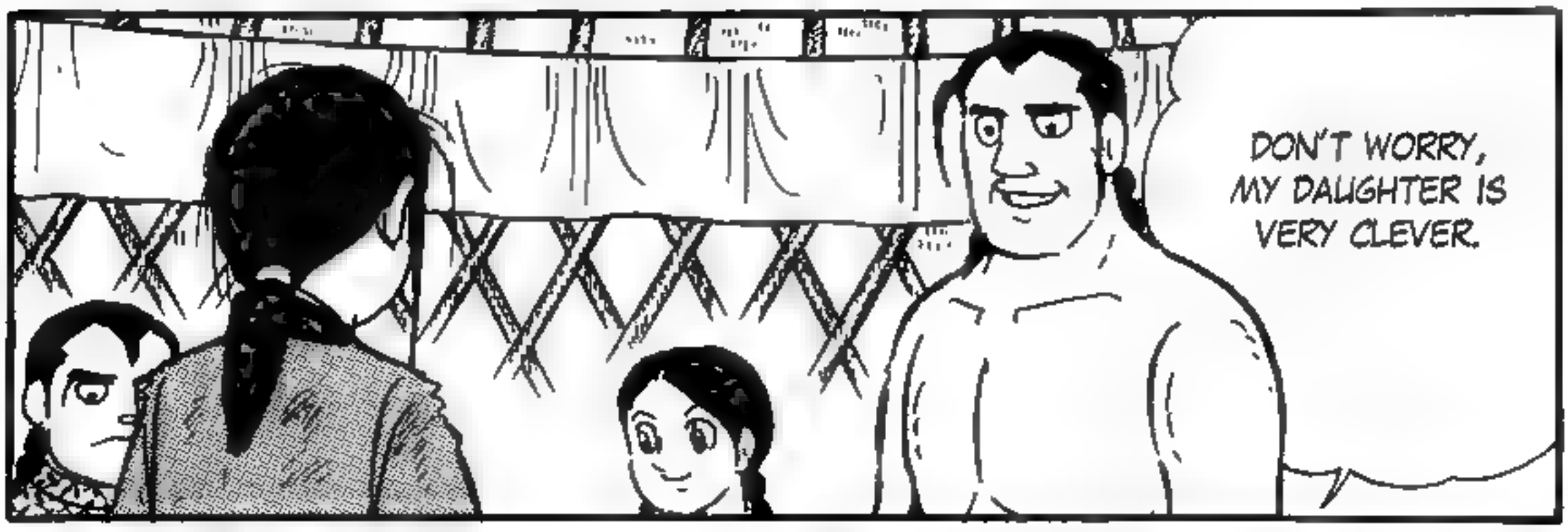
SIT RIGHT HERE.

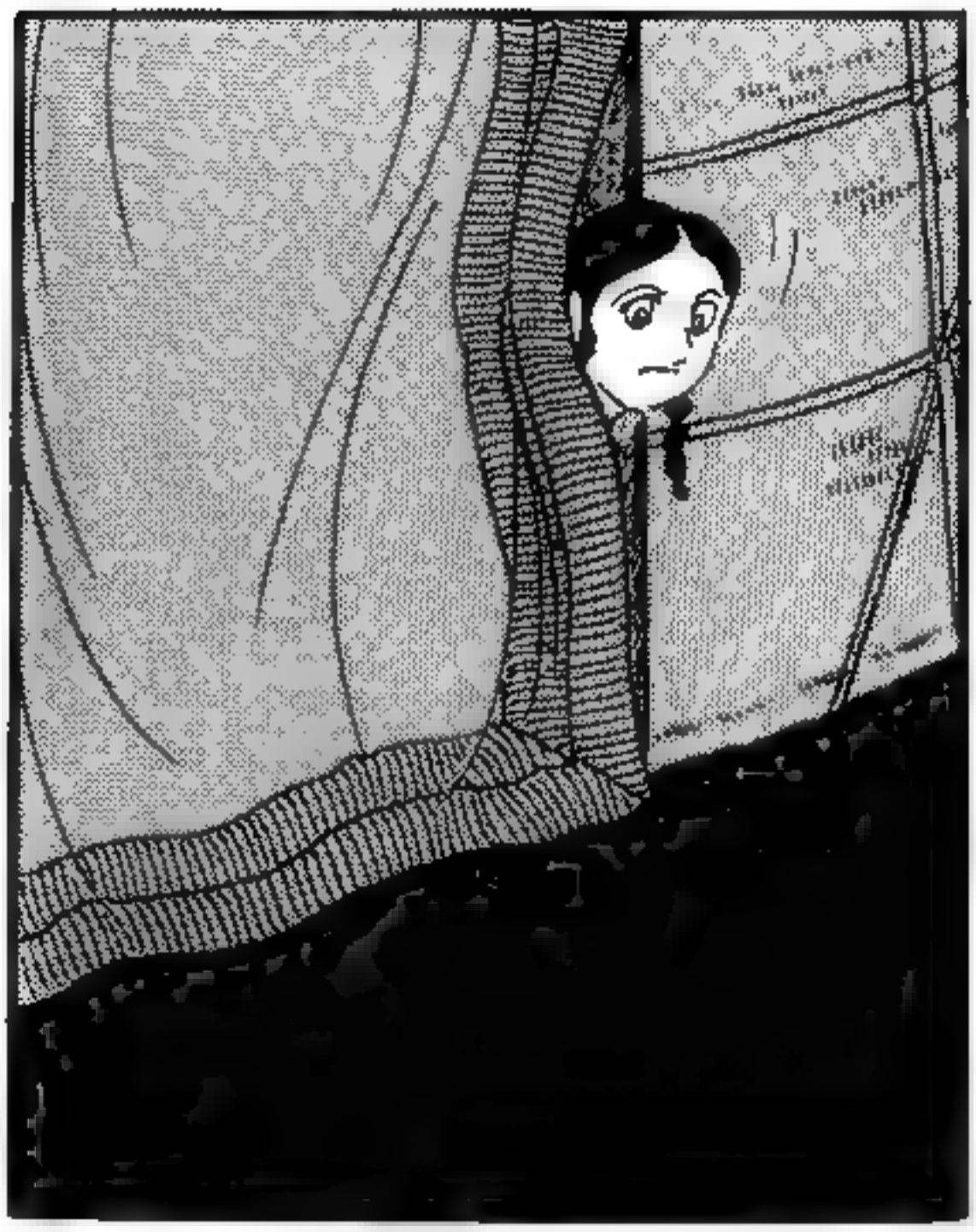
SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE.

IT'S OFF!

KADA'AN, TEND TO TEMUCHIN.

AHH, I CAN FINALLY MOVE MY HANDS AND HEAD FREELY!

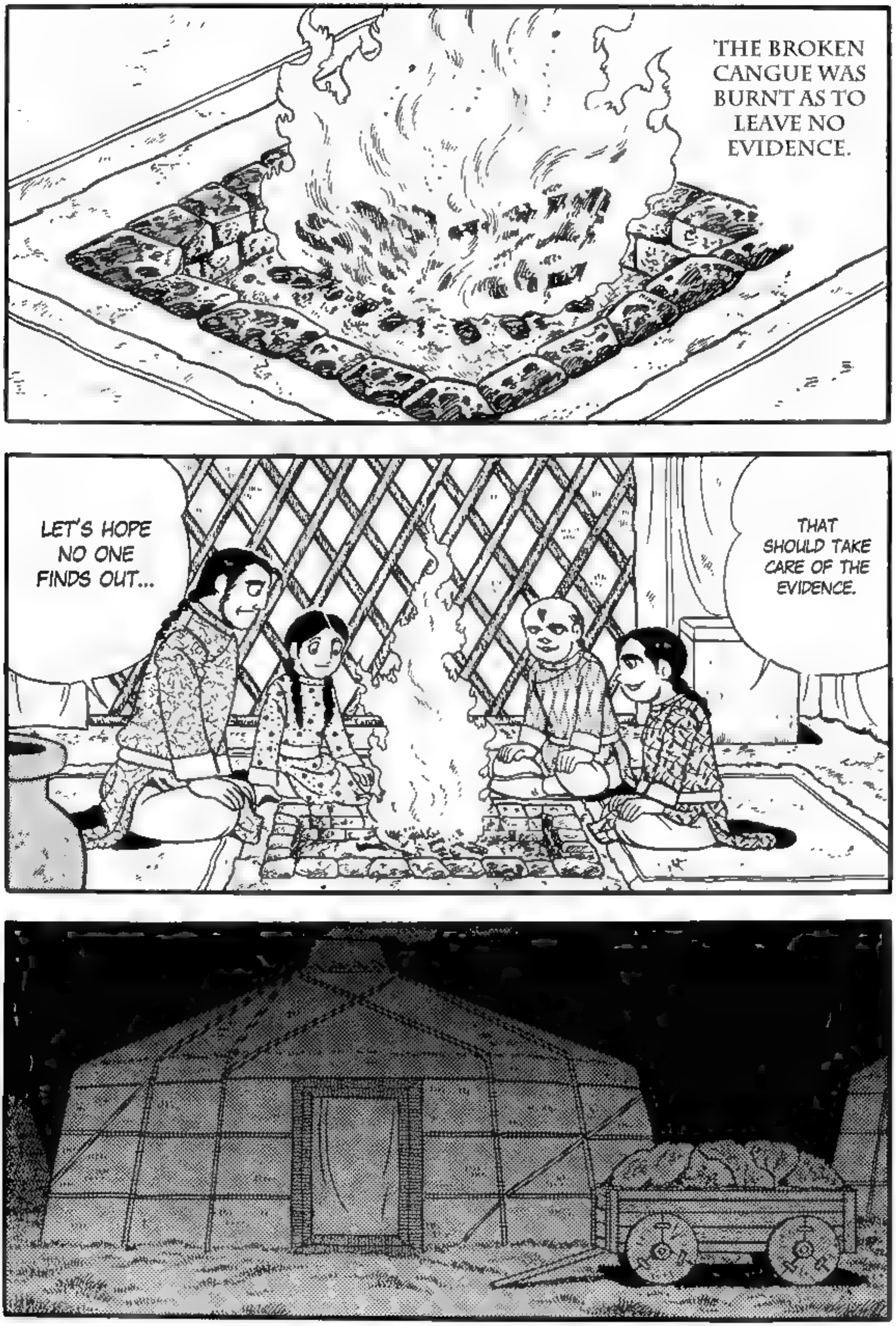

DON'T WORRY, MY DAUGHTER IS VERY CLEVER.

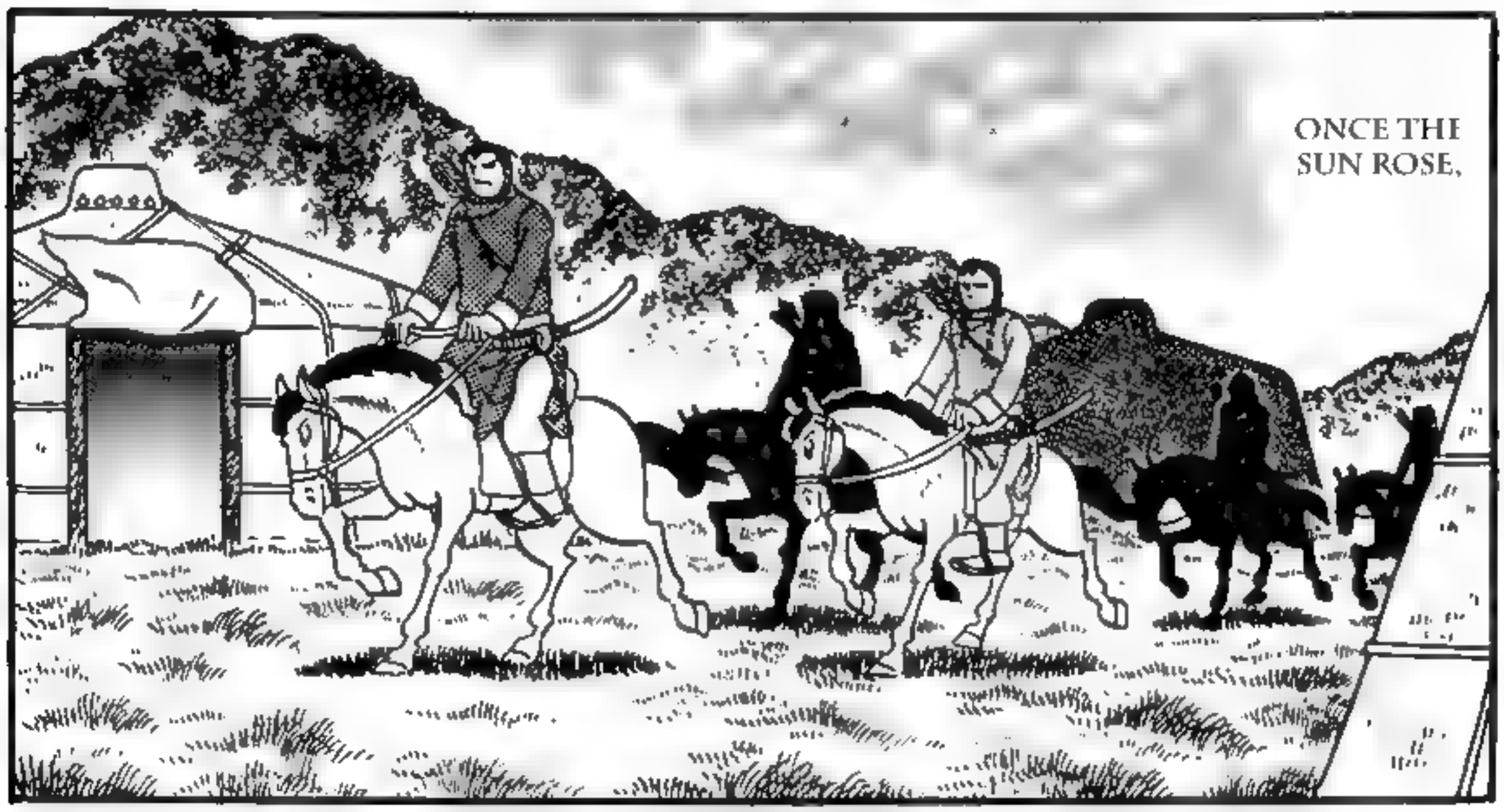


YOU WANT ME TO HIDE UNDER ALL THIS WOOL? BUT IT'S THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER!

FINE, FINE. I SUPPOSE I HAVE NO CHOICE.

THE HEAT WAS UNBEAR-ABLE INSIDE THE WAGON FILLED WITH WOOL.


THE BROKEN CANGUE WAS BURNT AS TO LEAVE NO EVIDENCE.
LET'S HOPE NO ONE FINDS OUT...
THAT SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THE EVIDENCE.


ONCE THE
SUN ROSE,

THE TAYICHI UT
RESUMED
THEIR SEARCH
FOR TEMUCHIN.

BUT BY SUNSET, THEY CAME UP EMPTY-HANDED AGAIN.

MAYBE SOMEONE IN OUR TRIBE IS HIDING HIM?

STRANGE... HE COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN VERY FAR WITHOUT A HORSE.

YES.

GOOD IDEA. LET'S CHECK ALL THE GERS TOMORROW.

AND SO THE MEN SEARCHED INSIDE THEIR TRIBESMEN S GERS.

WHAT'CHA DOING, MISTER?

TEE HEE! BUT IT'S THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER, YOU KNOW.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR TEMUCHIN, THE SLAVE WHO ESCAPED.

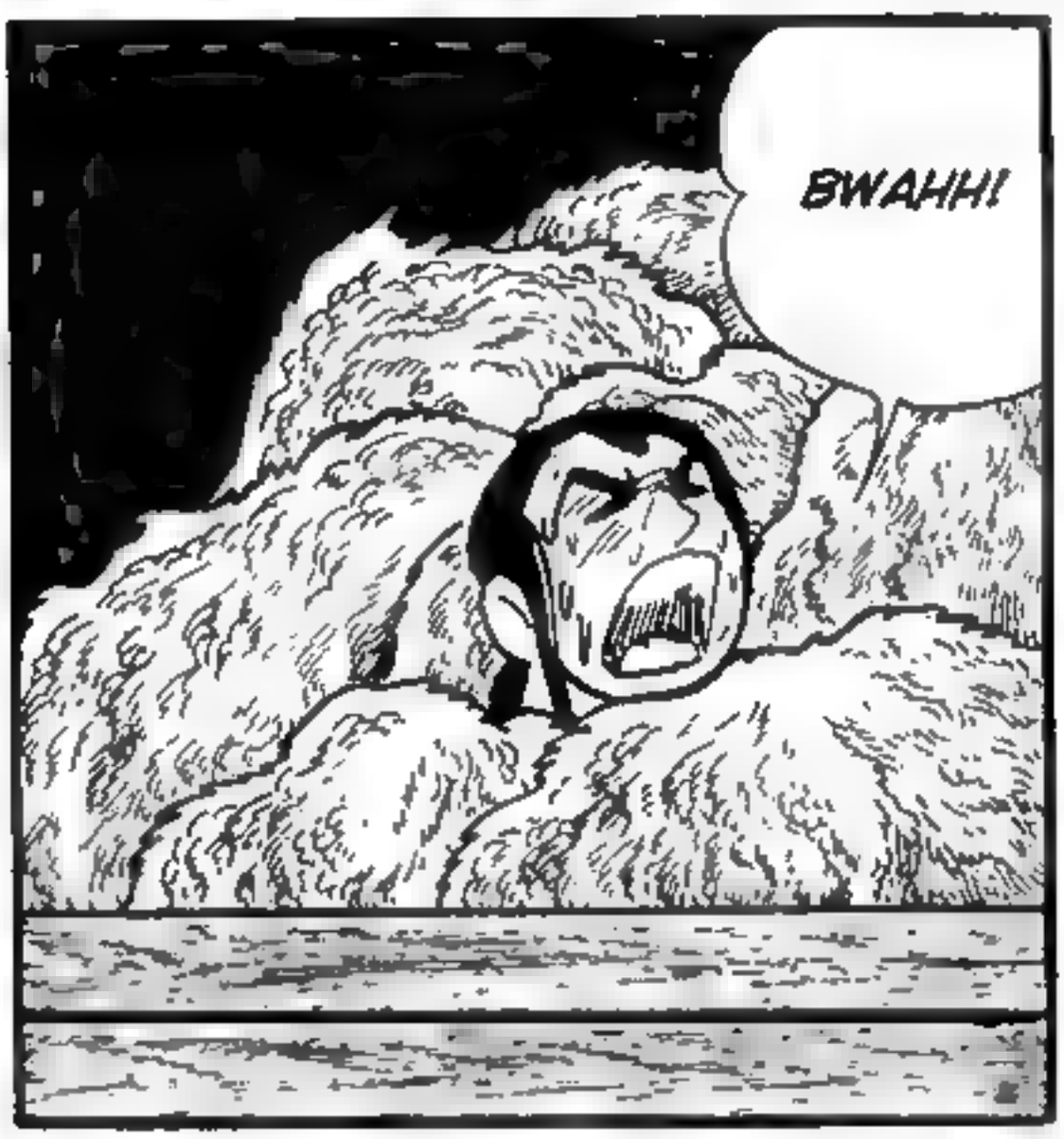
THEN DO YOU REALLY THINK SOMEONE COULD HIDE UNDERNEATH ALL THIS WOOL IN SUMMERTIME?

YOU'RE SWEATING JUST FROM STANDING UNDER THE SON, AREN'T YOU?

YES, WHAT OF IT?

YES, LET'S LOOK SOME-WHERE ELSE.

HMM, SHE'S RIGHT...


BWAHH!

PSST!
TEMUCHIN!
COME OUT!

THE SEARCH
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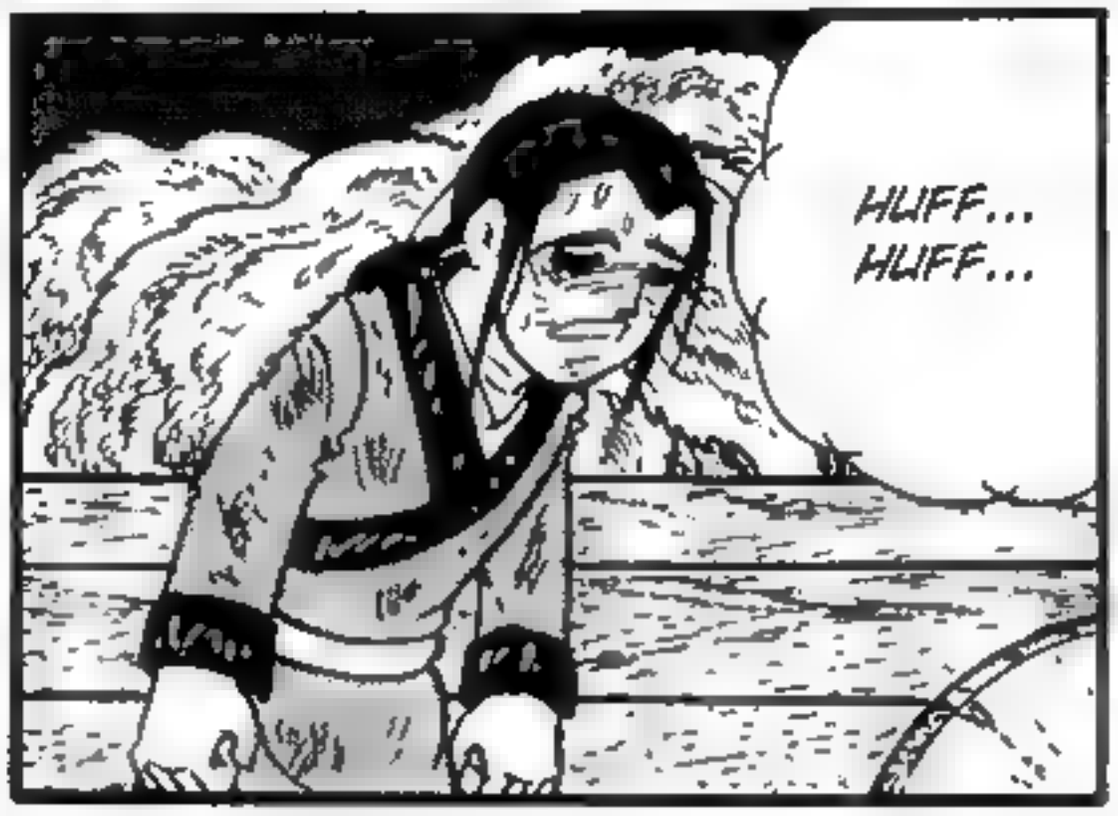
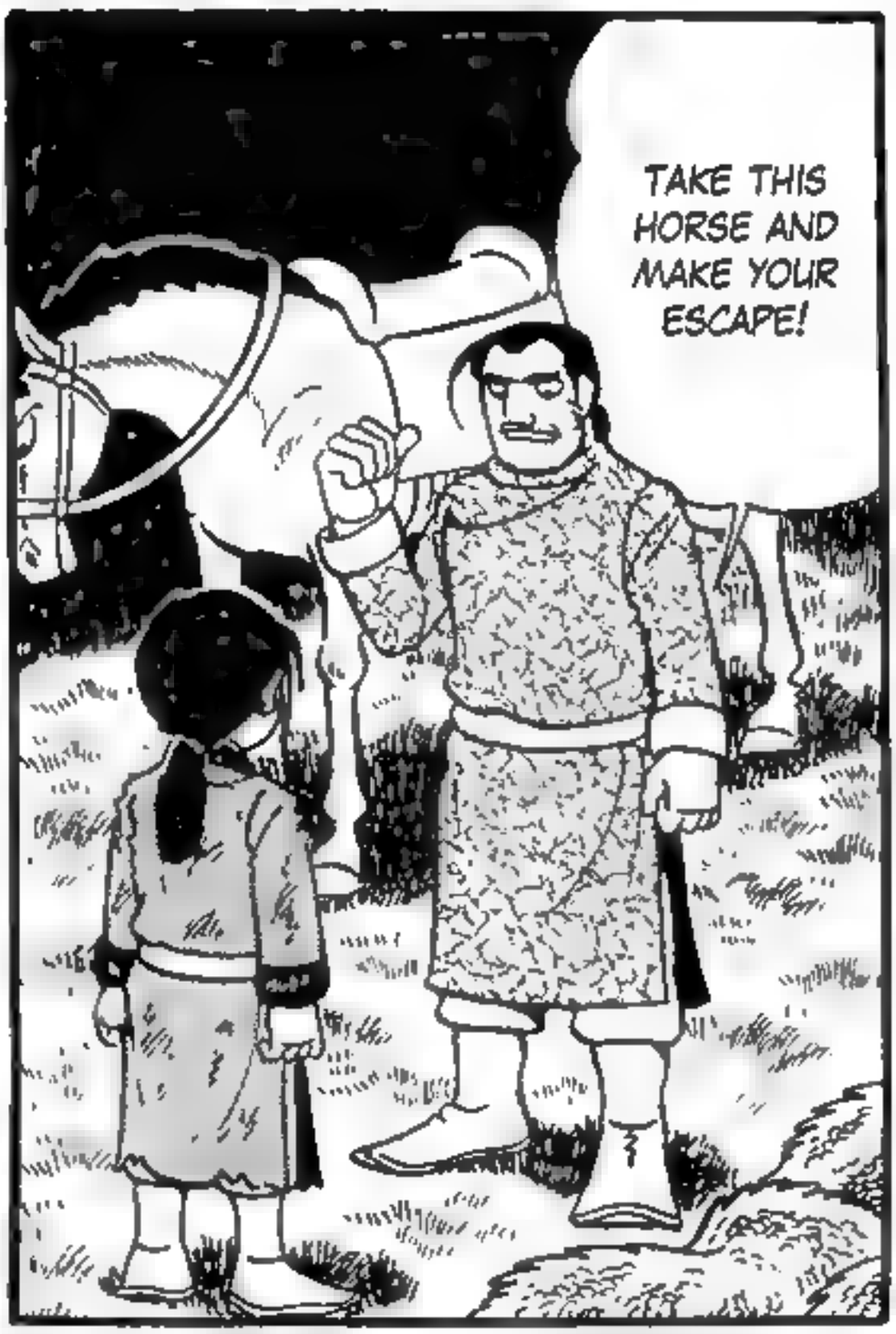
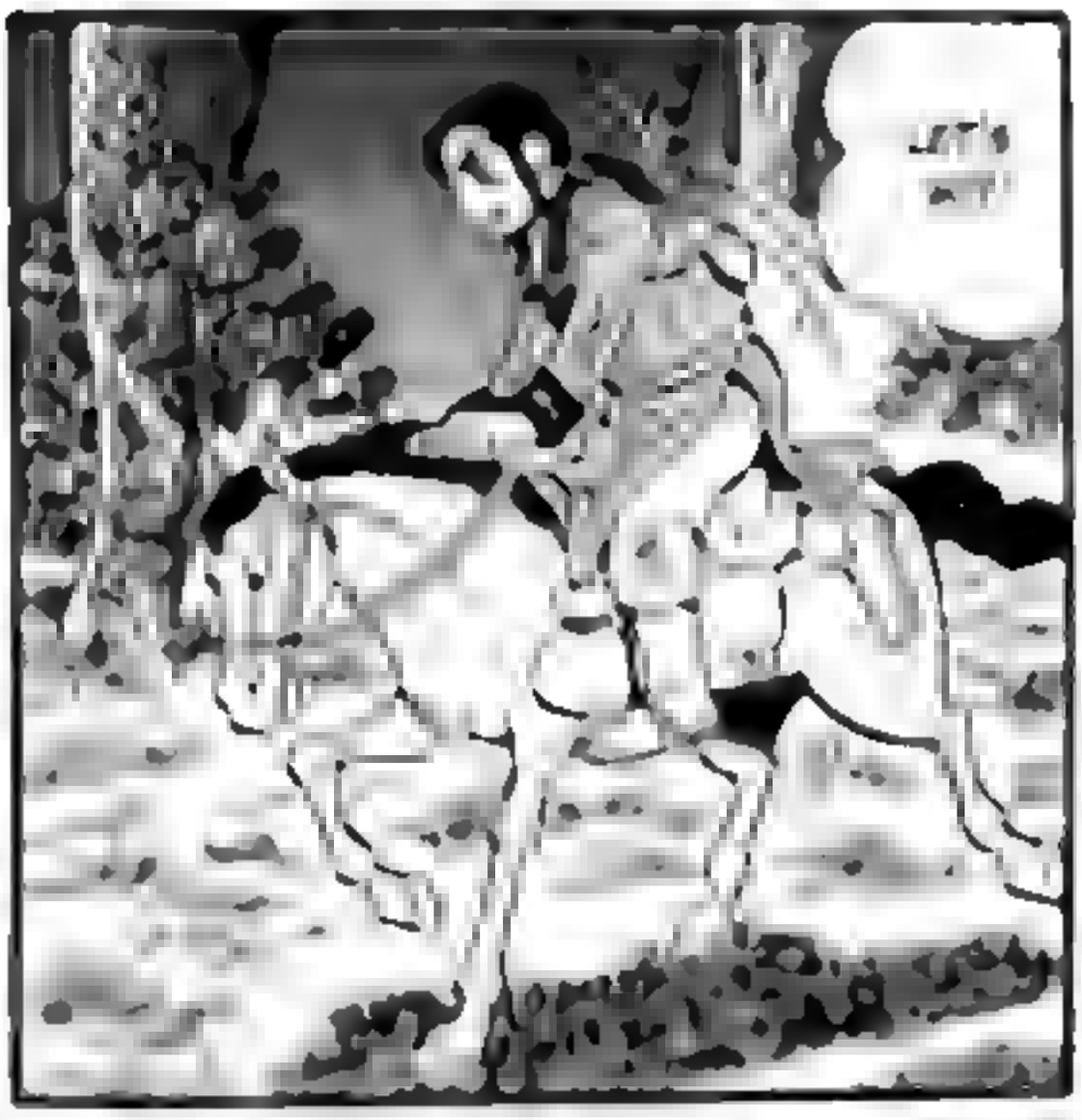

HUFF...
HUFF...

AND SOME LAMB FOR FOOD!
AND THIS BOW AND ARROW!


TAKE THIS HORSE AND MAKE YOUR ESCAPE!

THANK YOU ALL. I WILL NEVER FORGET WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR ME.

YES, OF COURSE.
JUST DON'T TELL ANYONE THAT IT WAS US WHO HELPED YOU.


LET'S
GO!

TEMUCHIN
HEADED
TO THE
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MOUN-
TAINS.

IF HIS FAMILY WERE SAFE AND SOUND, THEY WOULD BE WAITING THERE FOR HIM AS THEY PROMISED BEFORE HE LEFT ON THE NIGHT ON THE ATTACK

AHH!

AH!

MOTHER!

BROTHER!

MOTHER...!

TEMUCHIN! YOU'RE ALIVE!

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU AGAIN, MY DEAR SON...

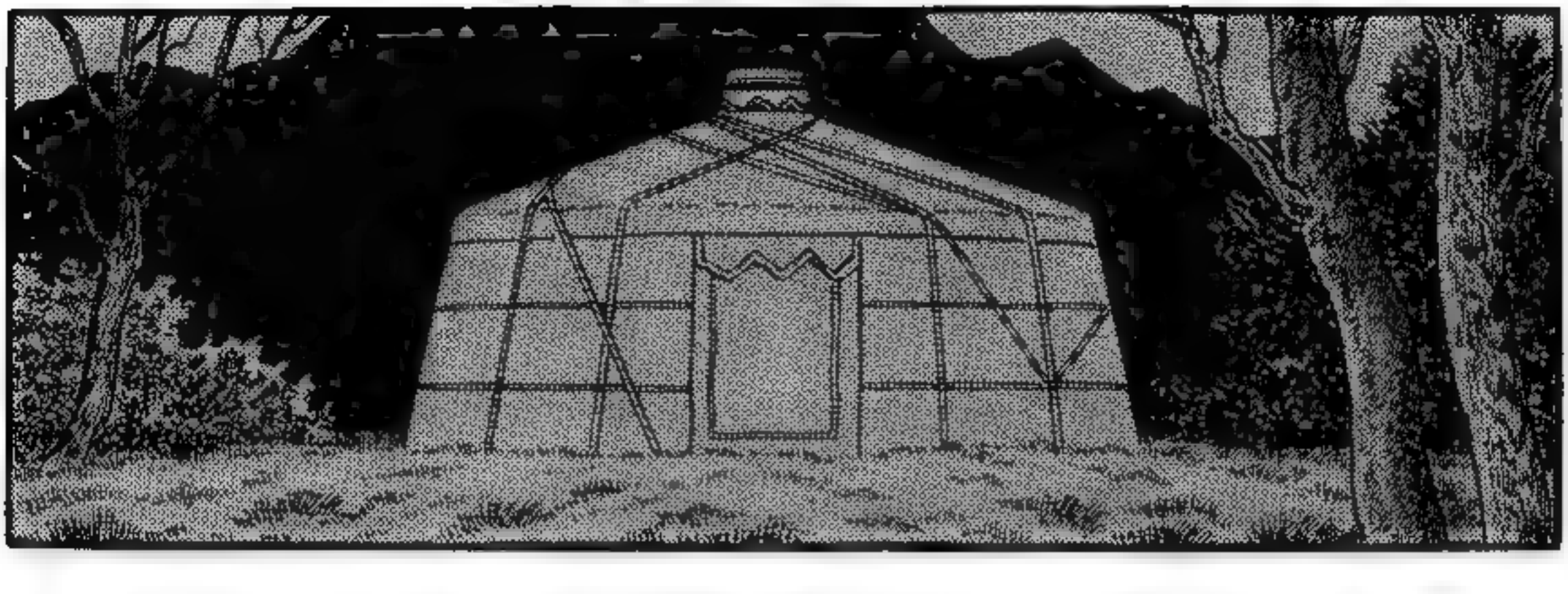
MOTHER!

THEY'RE OUT HUNTING IN THE MOUNTAINS.

WHERE'RE THE OTHERS?

I SWEAR I'LL PUNISH THE TAYICHI'UT ONE DAY...

9 HORSES ARE ALL WE HAVE SINCE THE NIGHT OF THAT ATTACK...



WHY, WHAT'S OVER THERE?
I THINK WE SHOULD MOVE SOUTH TO THE KHARA JIRUGEN MOUNTAIN.

A BEAUTIFUL BLUE LAKE FILLED WITH FISH, AS WELL AS WIDE GREEN FIELDS, POPULATED BY MANY HARES, MARMOTS, AND FIELD MICE. HUNTING WILL BE EASY THERE, AND WE CAN EVEN TRADE ANY SURPLUS TO OBTAIN SHEEP AND OTHER LIVESTOCK.

ONLY ABOUT 3 DAYS' TRAVEL DISTANCE.

HOW FAR IS IT FROM HERE?

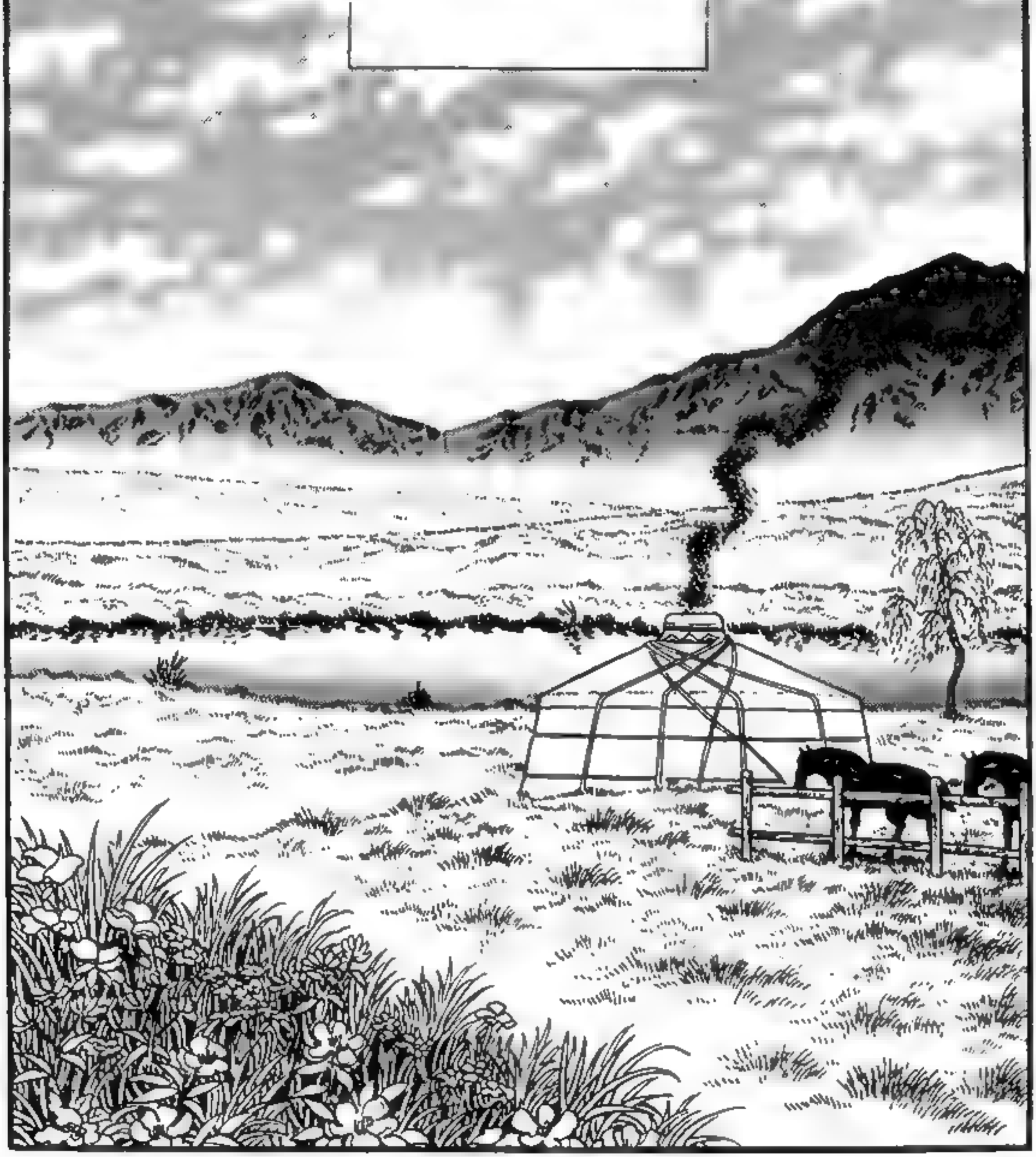
ALRIGHT, WE'LL SET OFF FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING.

SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA. THERE ISN'T MUCH TO HUNT HERE.

THEN LET'S GO.

AFTER PACKING UP THEIR GERS, TEMUCHIN'S FAMILY WERE ON THE MOVE AGAIN.

AND SO BEGAN THEIR NEXT PHASE IN LIFE AT THE SENGUR RIVER VALLEY IN KHARA JIRUGEN.



A True Friend, Bo'orchu

TEMUCHIN AND HIS BROTHERS SPENT MUCH OF THEIR TIME HUNTING IN THEIR NEW HOME

ESPECIALLY VALUABLE WERE THE TARBAGAN MARMOTS, WHICH WERE NOT ONLY EATEN BUT WHOSE FURS COULD BE TRADED FOR LIVESTOCK AND GOODS

TEMUCHIN AND HIS FAMILY SKINNED AND SAVED THE TARBAGAN MARMOT FUR TO INCREASE THEIR WEALTH

SURE!

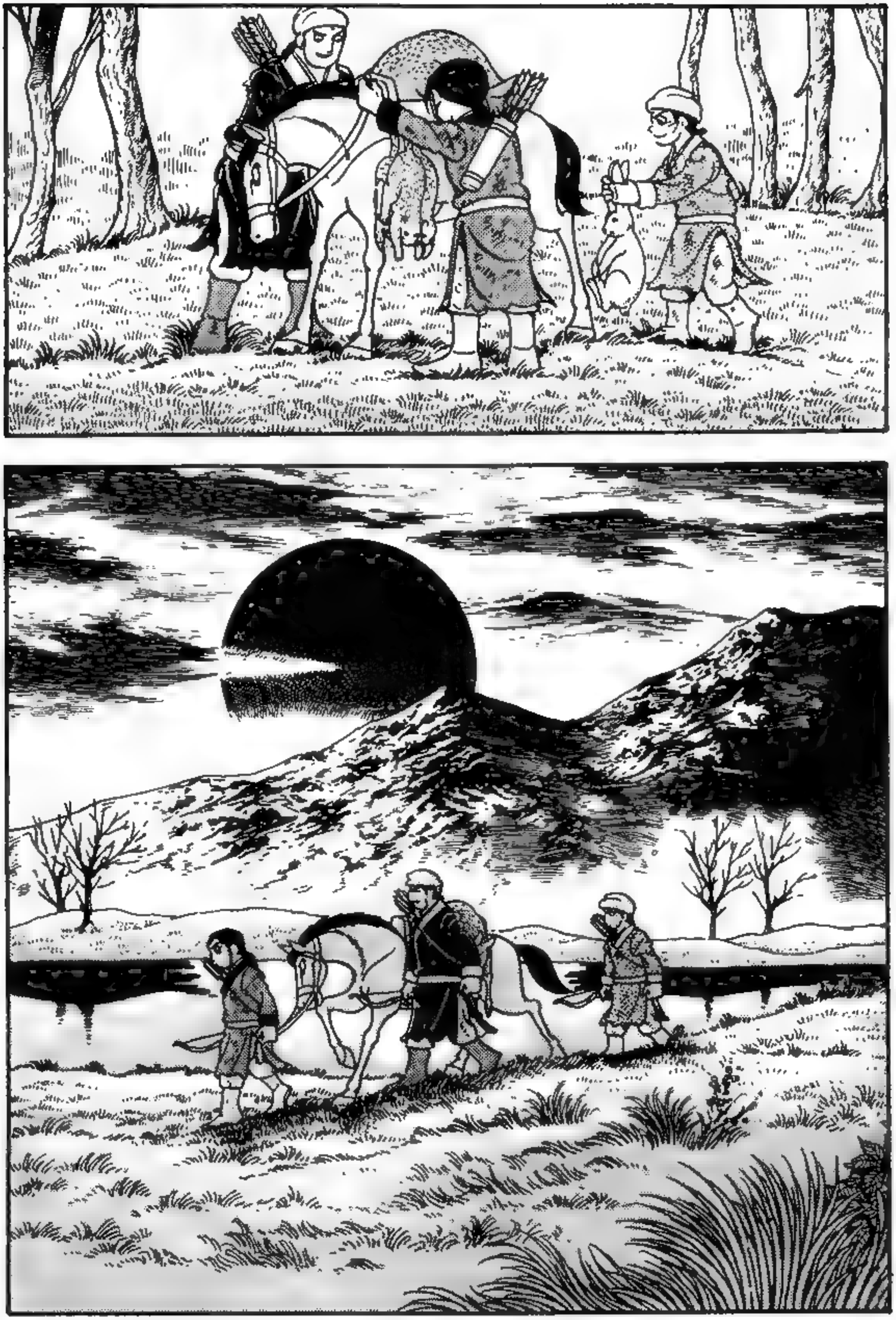
ALRIGHT, THAT'S ENOUGH HUNTING FOR TODAY. LET'S HEAD HOME.

I CAUGHT A HARE.

LOOK WHAT I CAUGHT.

AH, THAT'S GREAT!

AND I CAUGHT 3 MARMOTS.



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TEMUCHIN!

THAT'S PRETTY MUCH OUR FAMILY'S ENTIRE WEALTH!

WHAT!?

8 OF OUR HORSES WERE STOLEN WHILE YOU WERE OUT HUNTING!

RIGHT, BROTHER!

I'LL GO AND GET THEM BACK! GET ME SOME FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY!

THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE. WE ONLY HAVE ONE HORSE LEFT.

WILL YOU BE FINE GOING OUT ALONE?

GOOD.

HERE'S SOME DRIED MEAT.

I PROMISE I'LL COME BACK WITH OUR HORSES!

TAKE CARE...

FOR THE NEXT 3 DAYS, JI MUCHIN WANDERED THE PLAINS, TRYING HIS BEST TO FOLLOW THE HORSE TRACKS

HE HAD MADE LITTLE HEADWAY HOWEVER

EXCUSE ME THERE. I'M TRYING TO TRACK DOWN 8 HORSES WHICH WERE STOLEN FROM ME. YOU WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED TO SEE ANYBODY LEADING 8 HORSES RECENTLY, HAVE YOU?

THIS MORNING?

AS A MATTER OF FACT, I DID SEE 8 HORSES BEING LED PAST HERE THIS MORNING.

TRACKING DOWN THOSE HORSE-THIEVES ALONE IS DANGEROUS. WHY DON'T I HELP YOU?

LOOKS LIKE I'M FINALLY AT THEIR HEELS...

WAIT JUST A MOMENT!

I AM TEMUCHIN, SON OF YISUGEI, AND A MONGOL OF THE BORJIGID CLAN.

SHALL WE GO THEN?

I AM BO'ORCHU, SON OF NAQU-BAYAN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR AID.

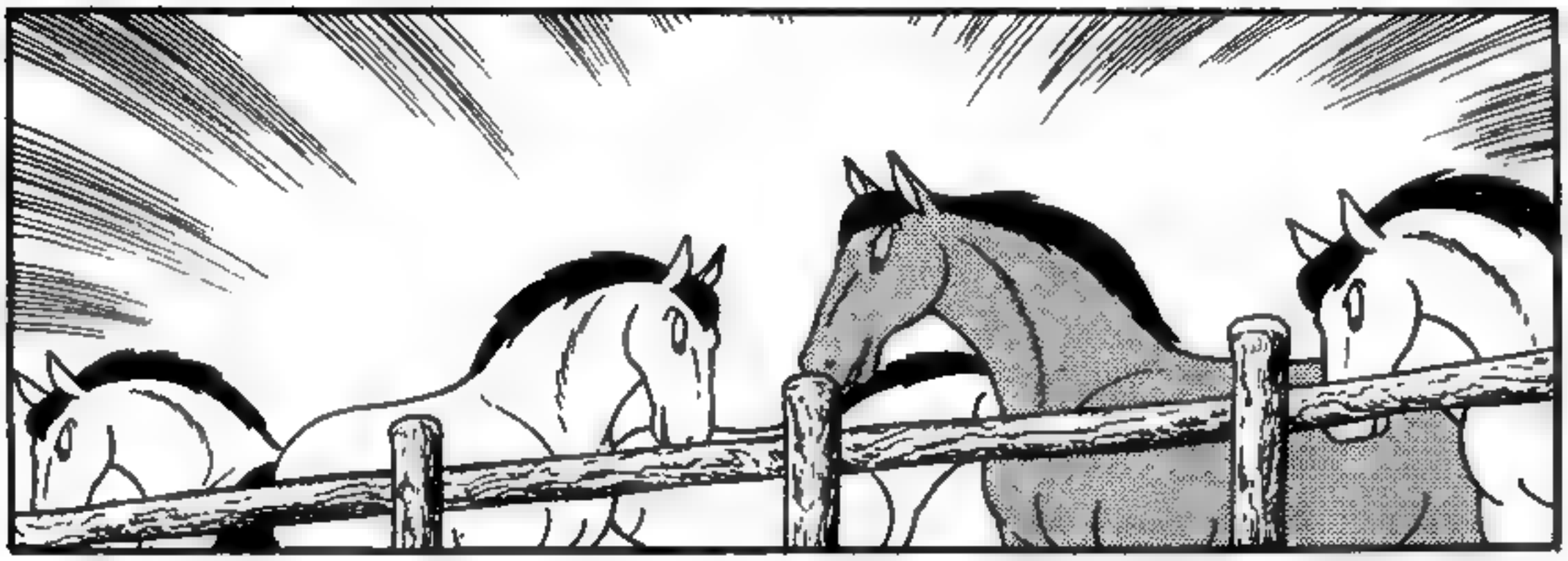
YES, LET'S HURRY.

LET'S GO!

FOR ANOTHER 3 DAYS, THE TWO LADS FOLLOWED THE HORSE TRACKS.

AHH!

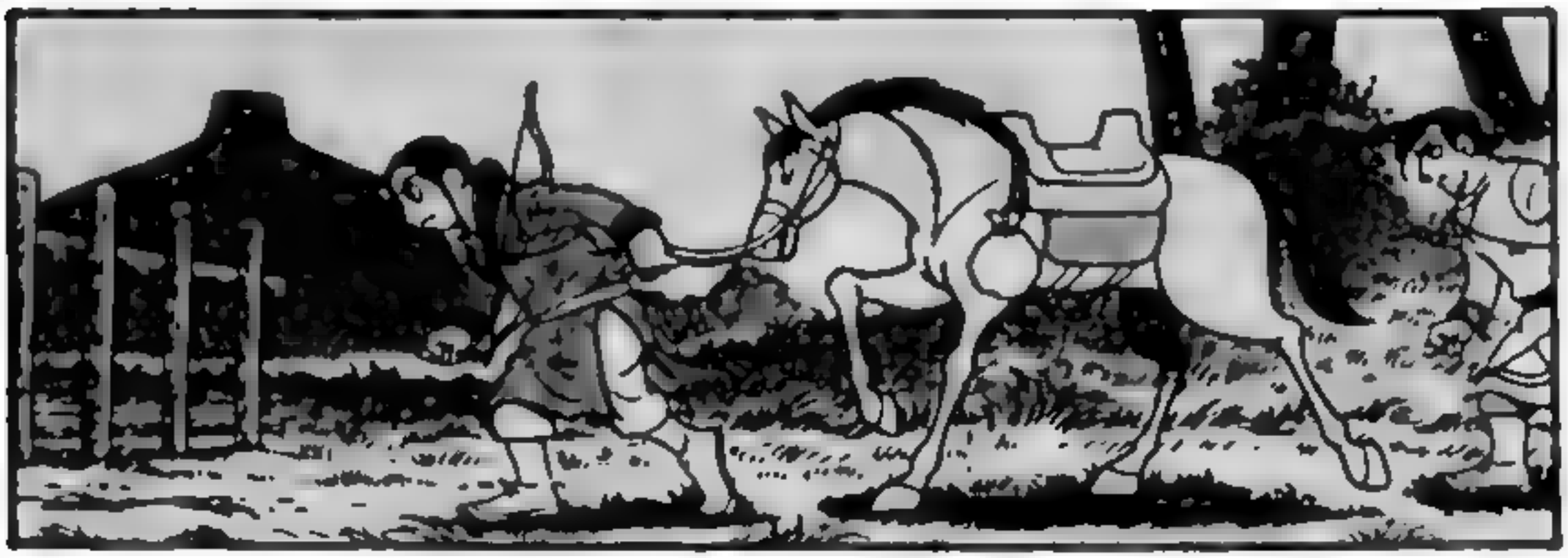
BUT ON THE 4TH DAY

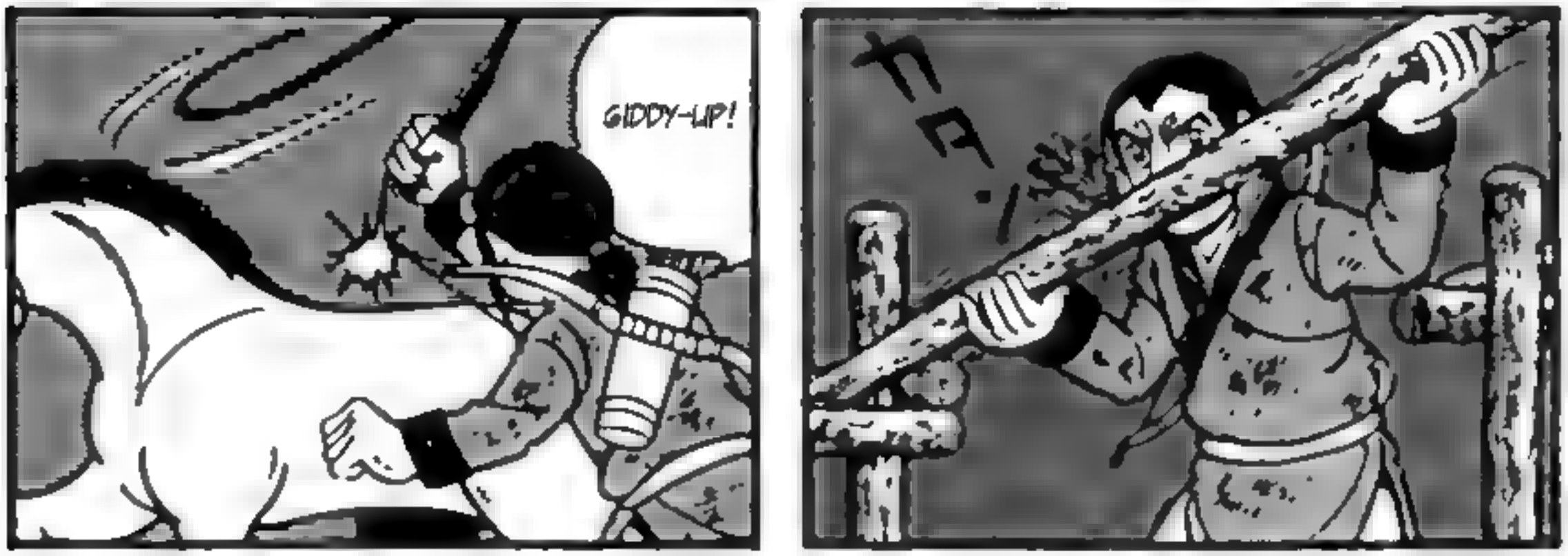


OH, THOSE ARE YOUR HORSES?

MY HORSES!

THE SUN WILL SET SOON SO LET'S WAIT UNTIL NIGHT.

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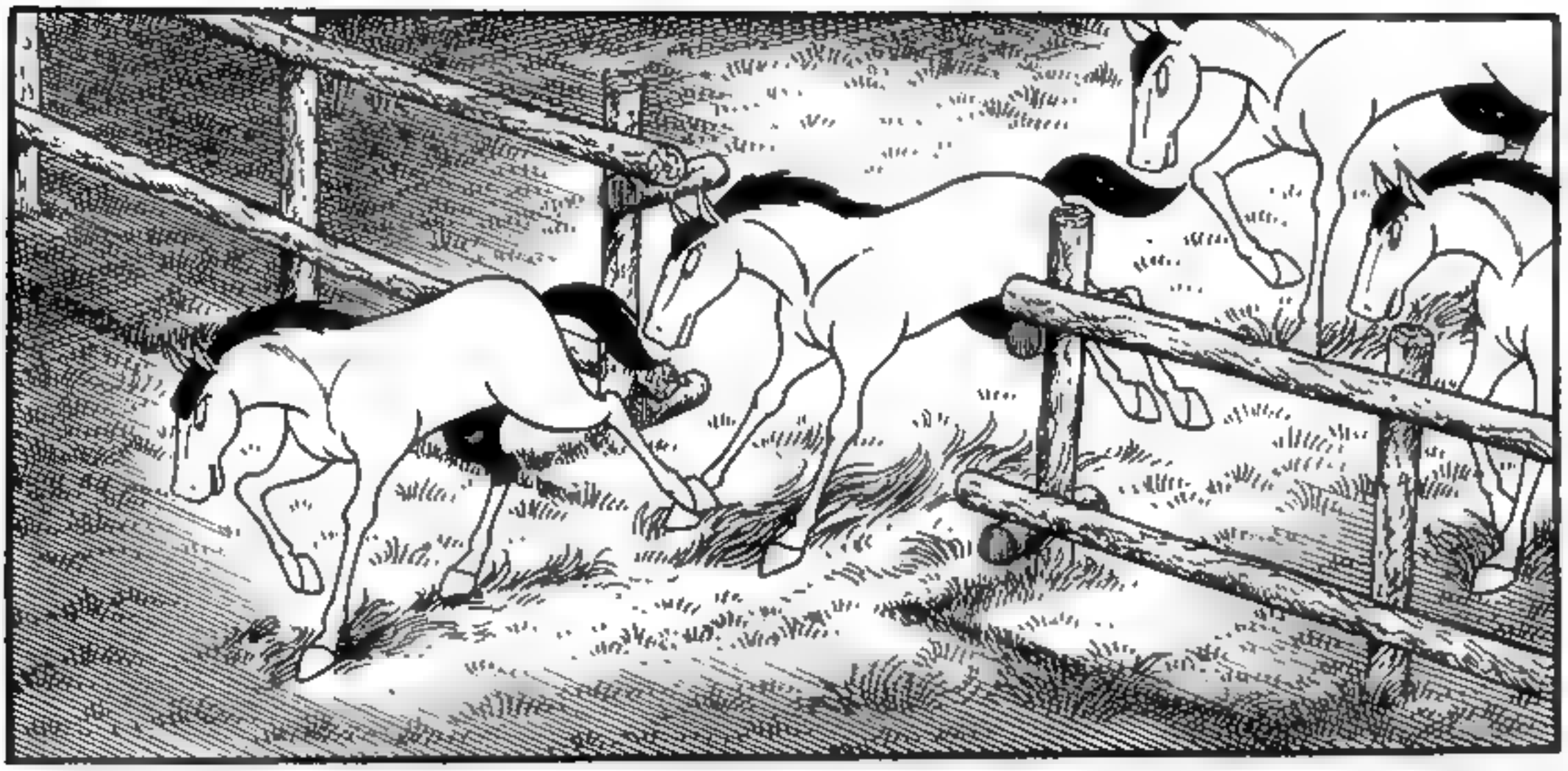
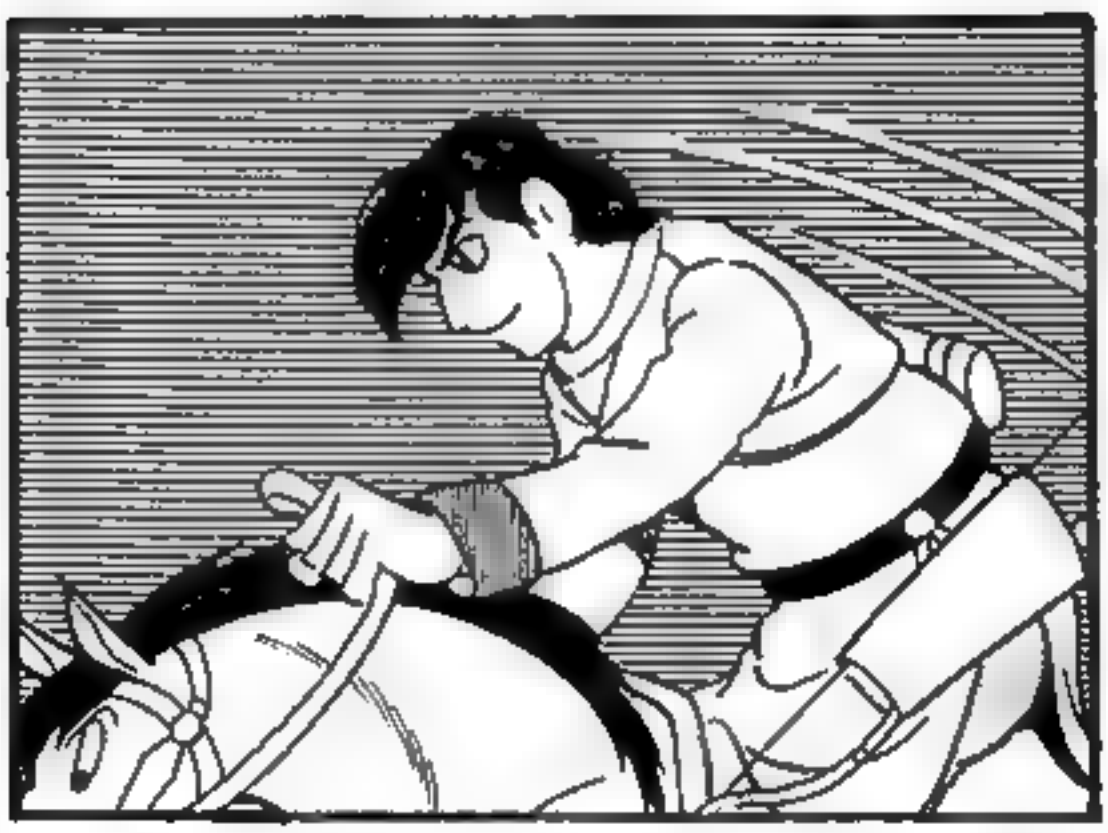
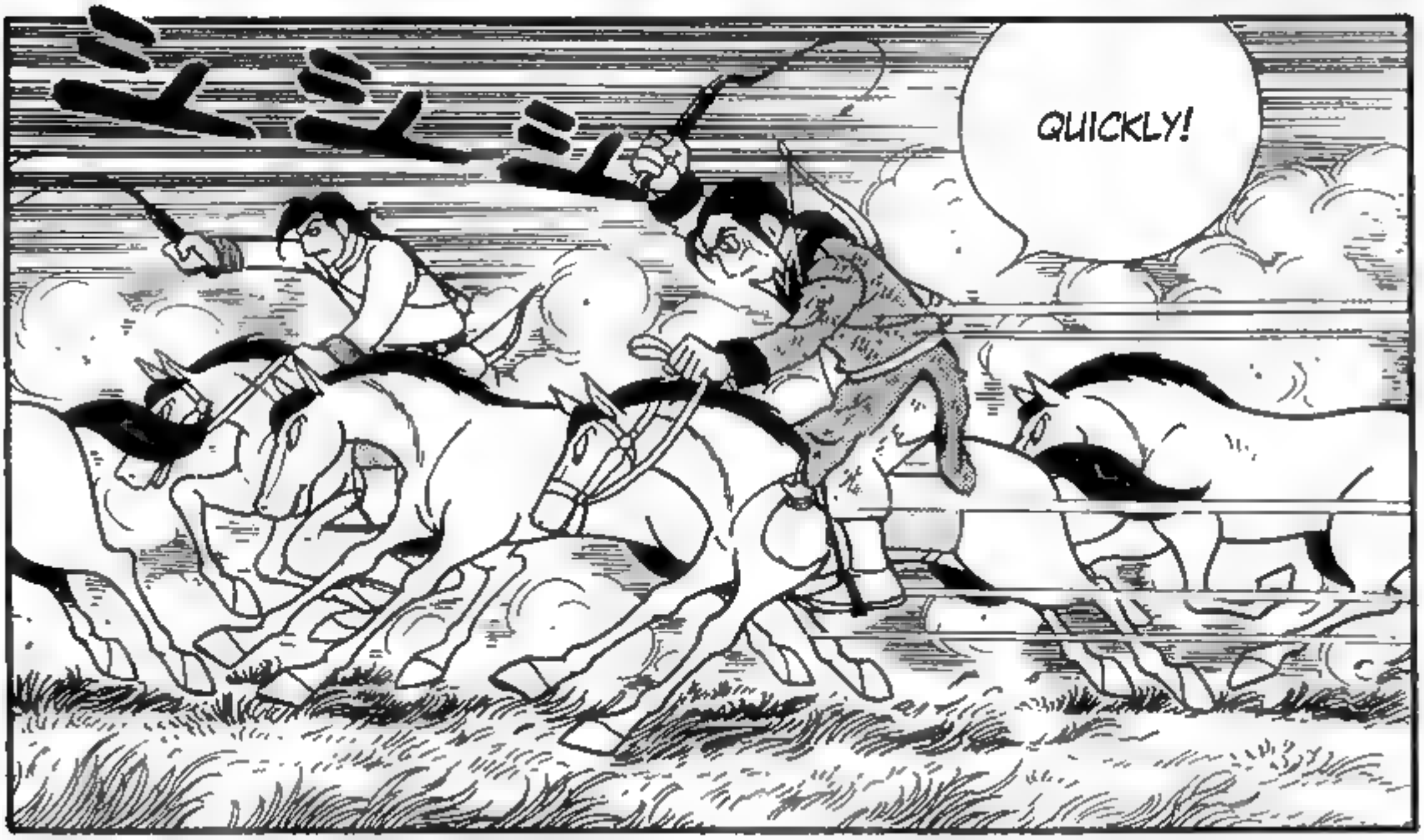
FF.!






QUICKLY!

I HEAR HOOF-STEPS!

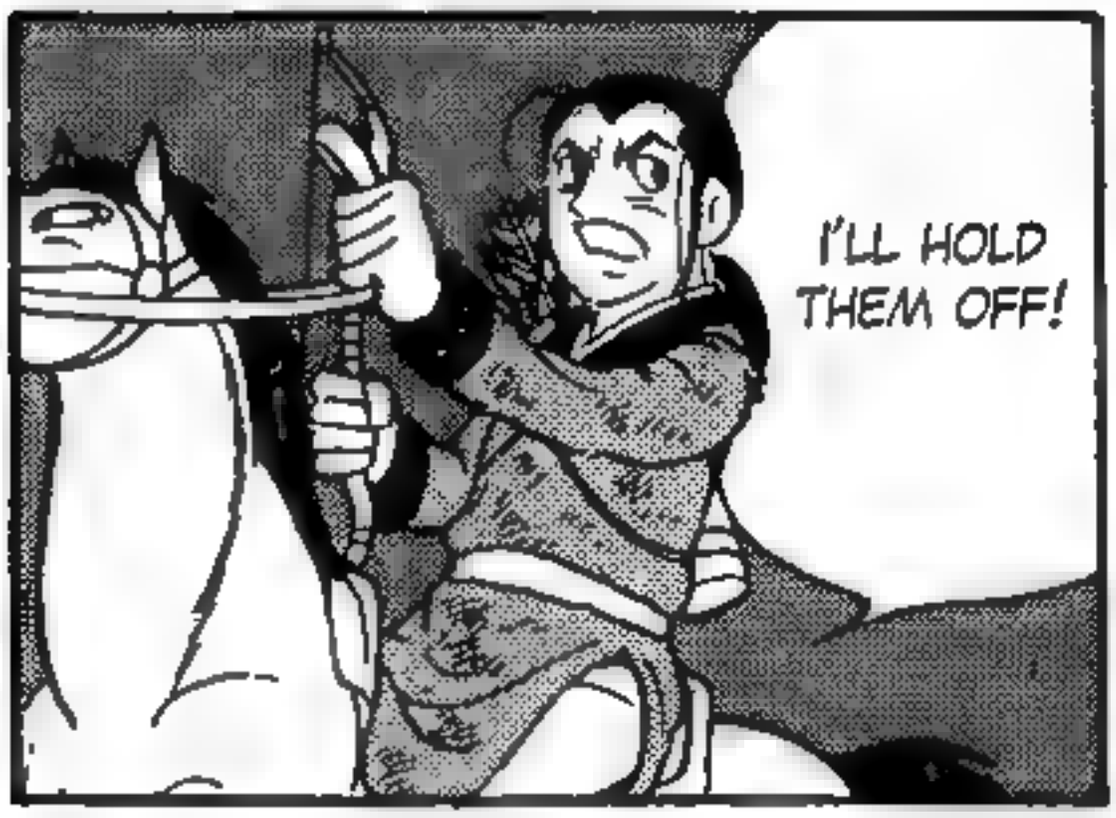
HM?

THEY STOLE THE HORSES!

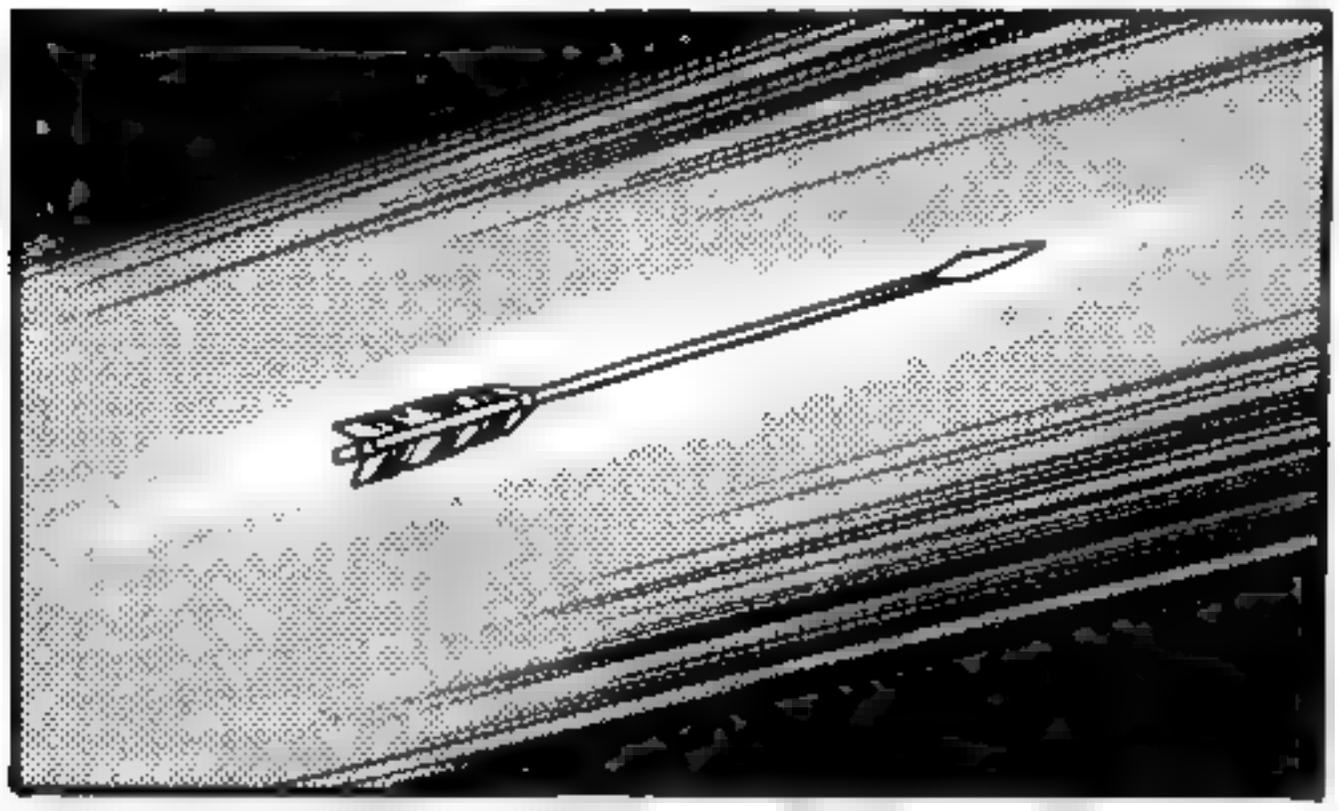
AFTER THEM!

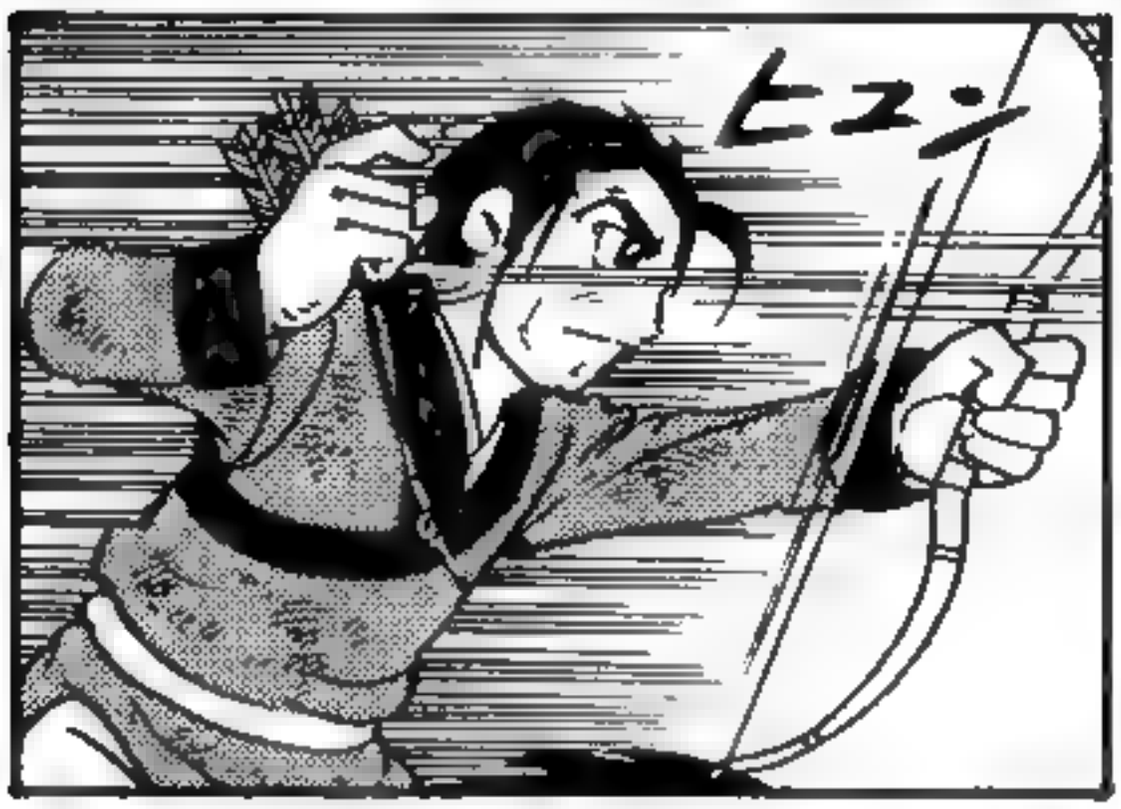
LEAVE THEM TO ME! YOU TAKE THE HORSES AND RUN!

THEY'RE PURSUING US!


I'LL HOLD THEM OFF!

WHAT'RE YOU SAYING!? I CAN'T LET THE MAN WHO WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO HELP ME ALSO PUT HIS OWN LIFE AT RISK!

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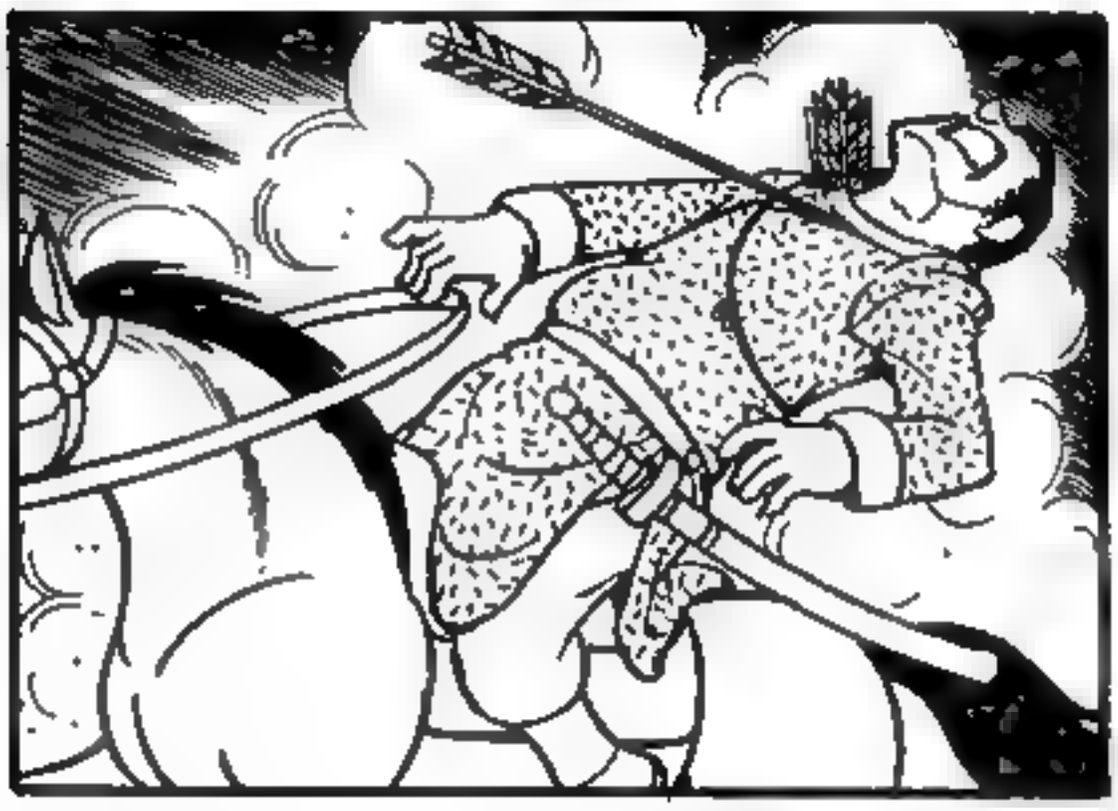

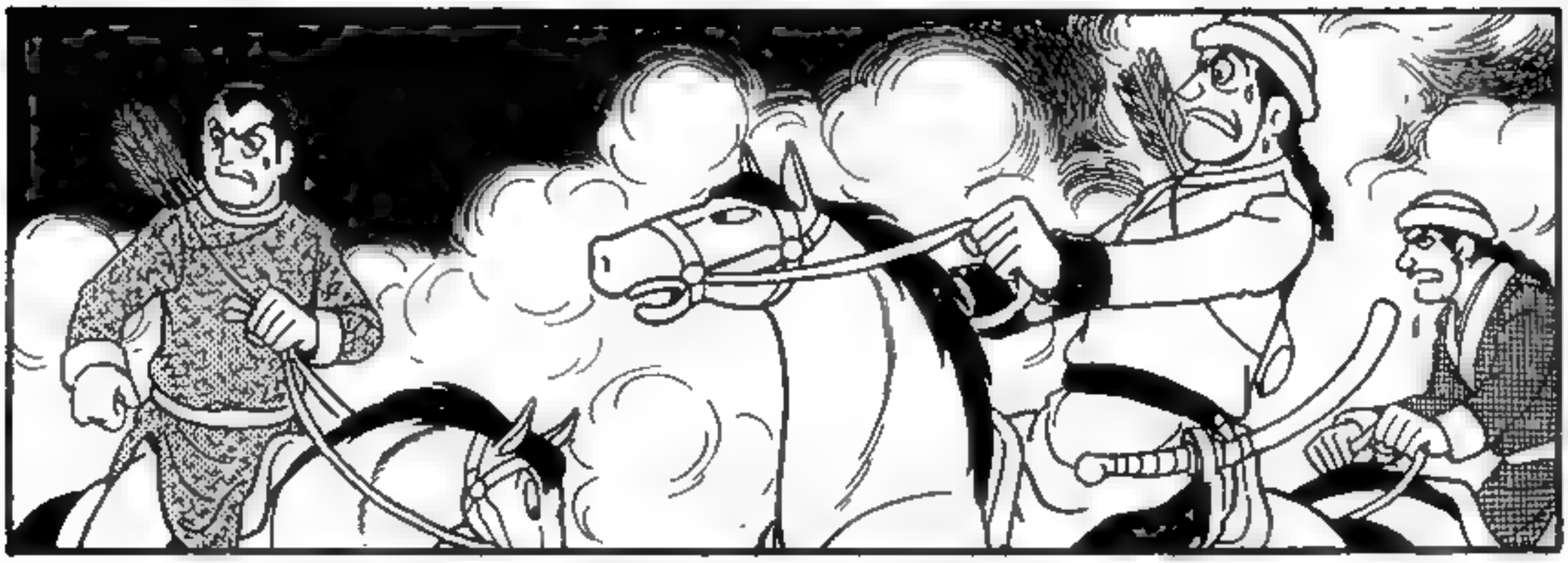

GIDDY-UP!

NOW'S OUR CHANCE!

I WENT TO HELP A FRIEND GET HIS HORSES BACK FROM THIEVES, FATHER.

BO'ORCHU! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN!? I THOUGHT YOU HAD DIED!

THANK YOU.

COME IN OUR GER, TEMUCHIN. YOU MUST BE STARVING.

STOP, TEMUCHIN. I DID NOT HELP YOU BECAUSE I WANTED MORE HORSES.

IF IT WASN'T FOR YOUR HELP, I NEVER WOULD HAVE GOTTEN MY HORSES BACK. AS A SIGN OF THANKS, PLEASE ACCEPT 4 OF MY HORSES.

YES, MY SON'S NOT THAT TYPE.

RIGHT, FATHER?

THAT, I CAN ACCEPT.

THEN AT THE VERY LEAST, I SHALL BE YOUR FRIEND FOREVER.

THANK YOU, FRIEND.

NOW EAT TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!

YES, YOU TWO ARE PROMISING YOUTHS. LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIVES!

AFTER A WARM RECEPTION, TEMUCHIN PARTED WITH HIS NEW FRIEND BO'ORCHU.

AFTER MANY DAYS, TEMUCHIN RETURNED HOME, TO THE DELIGHTED SHOUTS OF HIS FAMILY.

A New Life

TEMUCHIN, YOU'RE JUST ABOUT A FULLY-FLEDGED ADULT. IT'S TIME YOU TAKE A WIFE.

YOUR FATHER HAD YOU BETROTHED TO THAT ONGIRRAT GIRL NAMED BÖRTE, WHOM YOU HAVEN'T SEEN SINCE, BUT I HEAR SHE'S STILL UNMARRIED. GO AND BRING HER AS YOUR WIFE.

CAN I REALLY LEAVE TO GO FIND MY WIFE?

THAT'S RIGHT. YOU NEED A WIFE IF YOU'RE TO TRULY SUCCEED AFTER OUR FATHER.

THANK YOU, MOTHER.

YES. IN FACT, I URGE YOU TO DO SO, MY SON.

AS FOR YOU, BELGUTEI, ACCOMPANY ME.

KASAR, YOU MUST PROTECT THE FAMILY WHILE I'M GONE.

THEN WE'LL LEAVE TOMORROW.

GREAT, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE MORE OF THE LAND.

THE TWO HEADED OUT TO FIND THE ONGGIRATS NEXT DAY.

BELGUTEI WAS EXCITED TO TRAVEL THE STEPPE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

THAT IS BECAUSE WE ARE POOR.
I NEVER REALIZED JUST HOW VAST THE STEPPE WAS. WHY DO YOU THINK WE CAN'T ALL GET ALONG EVEN WHEN THERE'S SO MUCH LAND?
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I SEE...
EVEN A LARGE FLOCK OF SHEEP IS NOT NEARLY LARGE ENOUGH TO DIVIDE IT EVENLY AMONGST ALL THE PEOPLE. LIFE IS TOUGH JUST FINDING ENOUGH FOOD TO EAT, WHICH IS WHY MEN ARE DRIVEN TO PLUNDER.

IRON ARMOUR? ALL OF THEM? WOW...

DURING MY TIME WITH THE ONGIRRATS, MY FATHER-IN-LAW TOLD ME THAT TO THE SOUTH, BEYOND THE GREAT WALLS THAT SEPARATE US NOMADS WITH THE SEDENTARY PEOPLE, ARE TWO INCREDIBLY RICH EMPIRES OF THE JIN AND THE SONG. THEIR SOLDIERS ALL HAVE ARMOUR MADE FROM IRON.

THEN WHY CAN'T WE ALL BAND TOGETHER AND TRADE WITH THEM SO WE CAN ALL BE RICH?

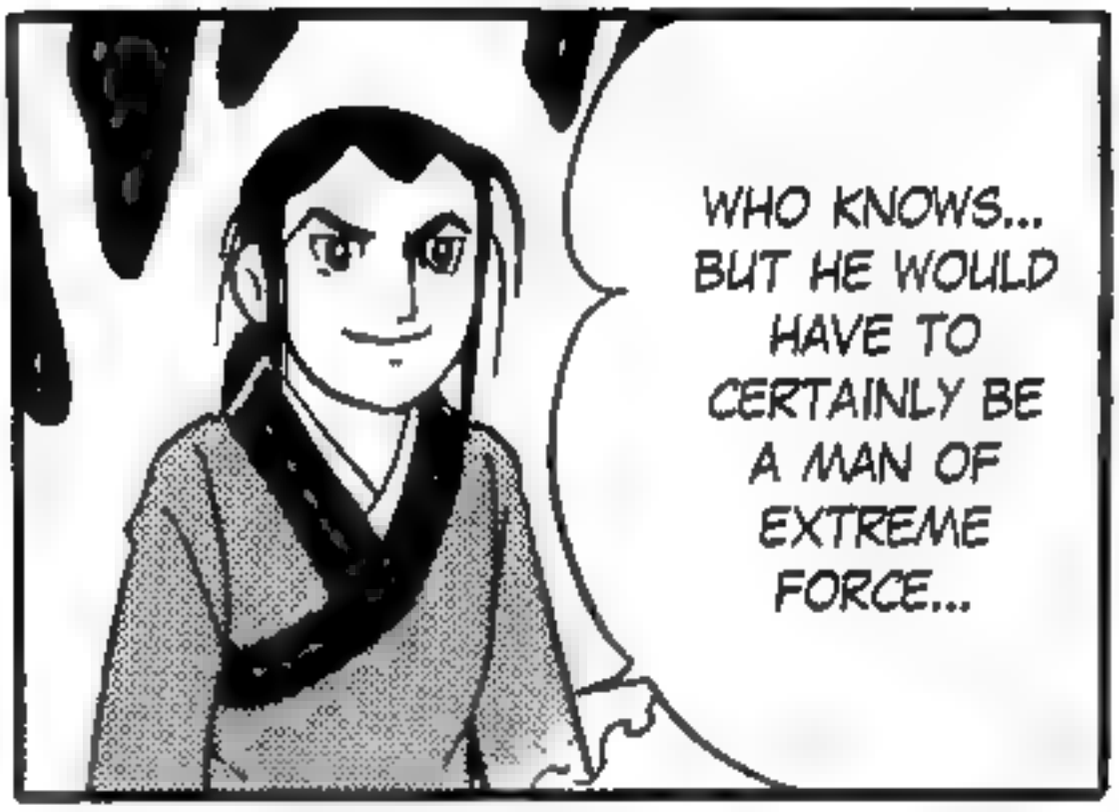
THE ONGIRRATS HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST TRIBES IN THE STEPPE FROM TRADING WITH THOSE EMPIRES.

IS THAT SO?

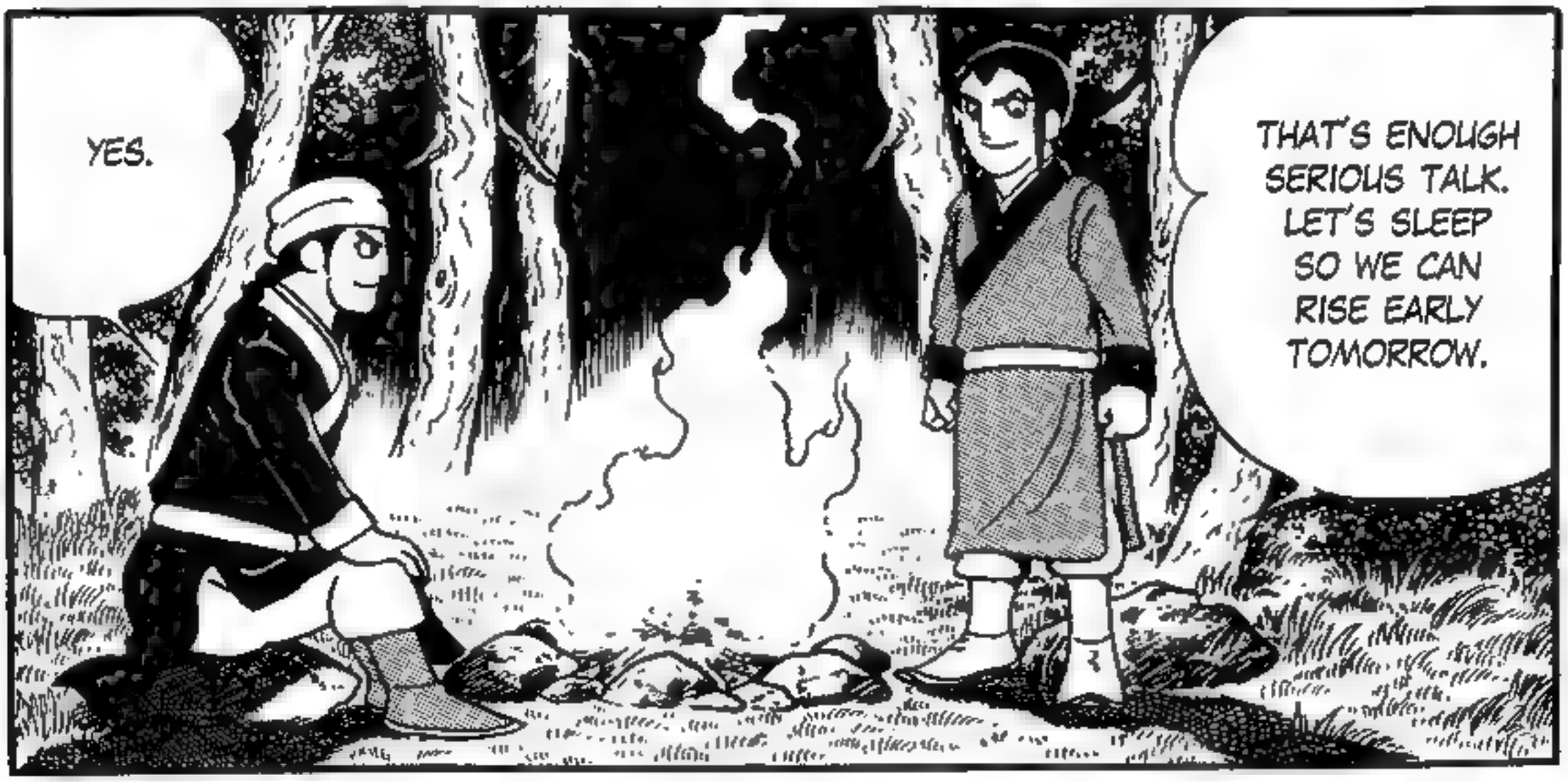
THOSE RICH EMPIRES FEAR OUR MIGHT IF WE WERE TO UNIFY. THAT IS WHY THEY USE THEIR WEALTH TO BRIBE US INTO FEUDING WITH EACH OTHER.

YES, UNLESS SOMEONE RISES UP TO UNIFY ALL THE BICKERING TRIBES OF THE STEPPE...

THEN ARE WE FATED TO LIVE POORLY FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES?


WHO KNOWS... BUT HE WOULD HAVE TO CERTAINLY BE A MAN OF EXTREME FORCE...

WILL THERE EVER BE SUCH A MAN, BROTHER?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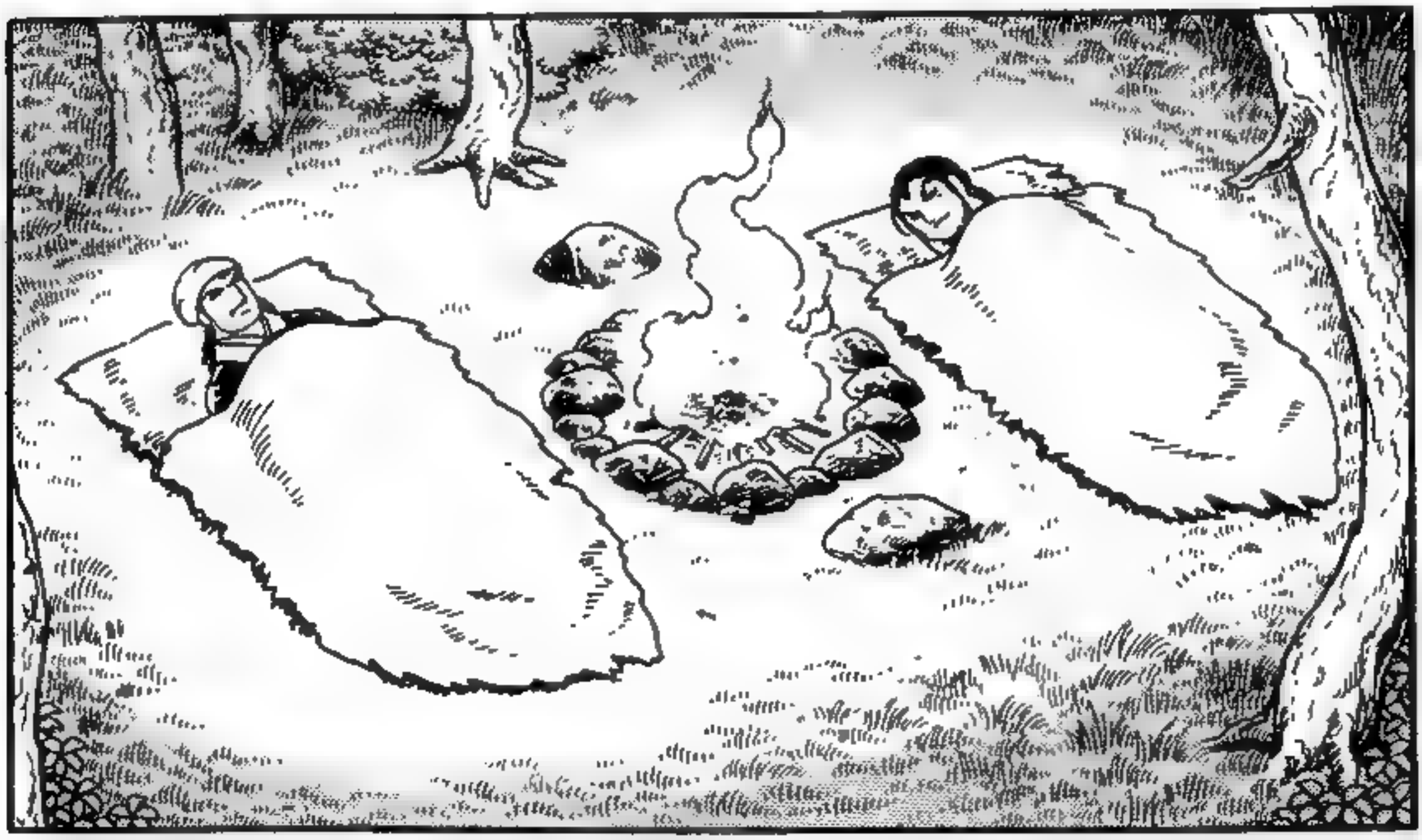
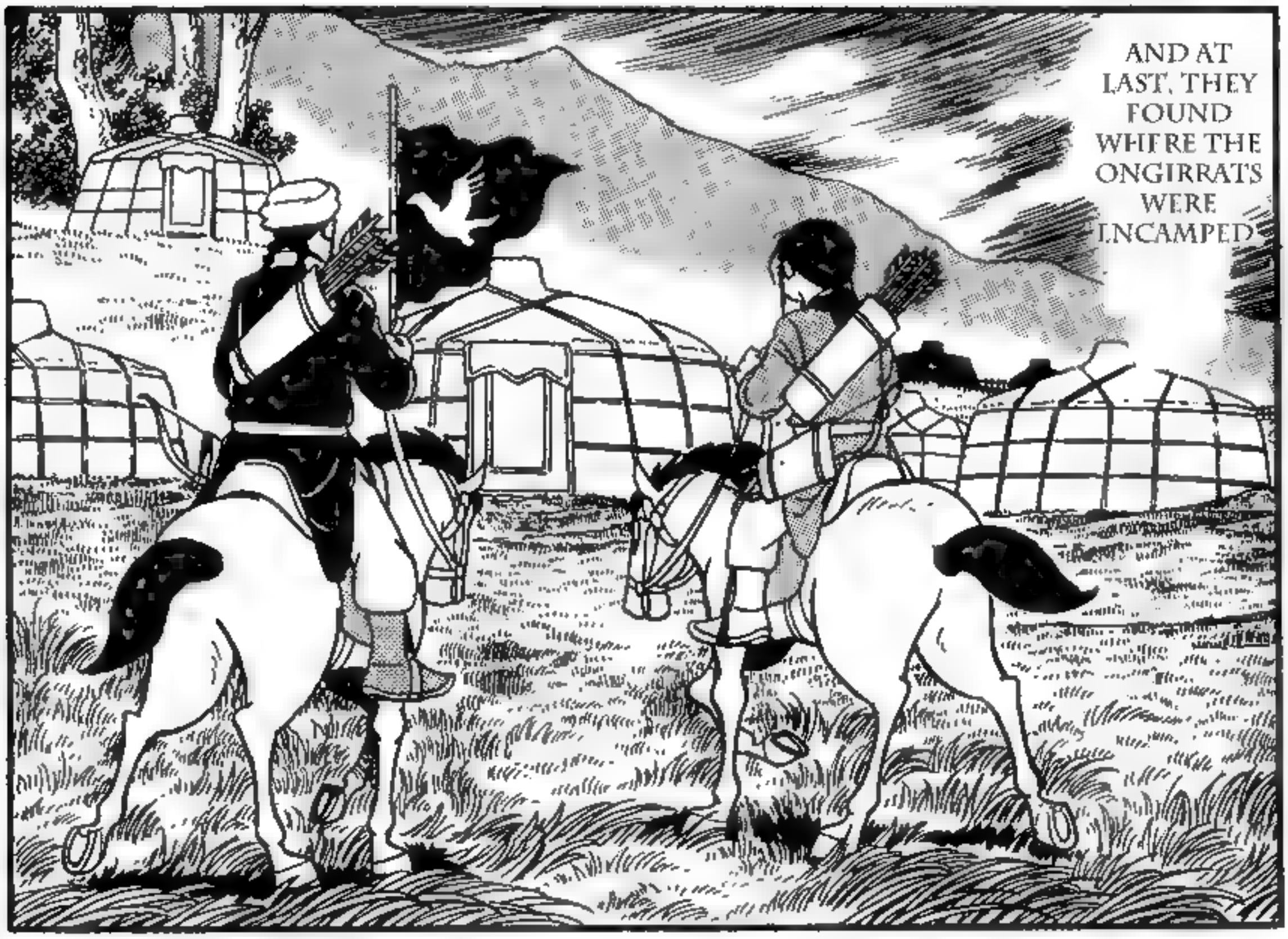
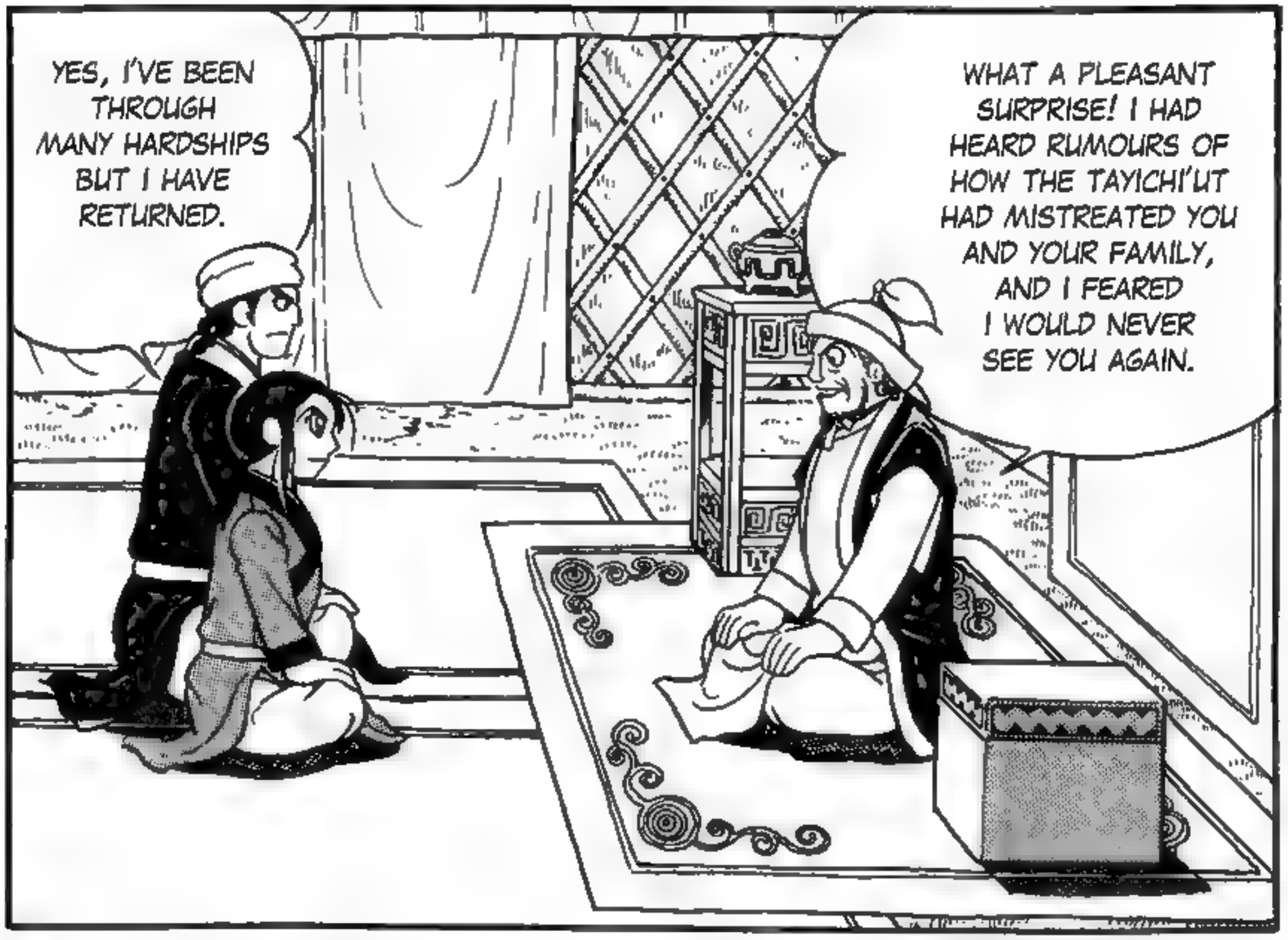
THAT'S ENOUGH SERIOUS TALK. LET'S SLEEP SO WE CAN RISE EARLY TOMORROW.



THE TWO BROTHERS TRAVELLED FOR SEVERAL MORE DAYS.


AND AT LAST, THEY FOUND WHERE THE ONGIRRATS WERE ENCAMPED.


YES, I'VE BEEN THROUGH MANY HARDSHIPS BUT I HAVE RETURNED.
WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE! I HAD HEARD RUMOURS OF HOW THE TAYICHI'UT HAD MISTREATED YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, AND I FEARED I WOULD NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN.

OF COURSE, OF COURSE... YOU TWO ARE BETROTHED, AFTER ALL.

MAY I TAKE YOUR DAUGHTER'S HAND IN MARRIAGE?

YOU FLATTER ME, DAI-SECHEN.

YOU HAD FIRE IN YOUR EYES AND LIGHT IN YOUR FACE SINCE THE DAY I FIRST MET YOU. TEMUCHIN, YOU ARE NO ORDINARY BOY.

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NO, THIS IS NOT MERE FLATTERY! IT'S WHY I PLEADED WITH YOUR FATHER TO HAVE MY DAUGHTER MARRY YOU, AND IT'S SURELY WHY THE TAYICHI'UT SOUGHT TO STAMP YOU OUT BEFORE YOU GREW UP.

YES, I'LL DO SO RIGHT NOW.

IN ANY CASE, GO SEE BÖRTE. I'M SURE SHE'LL BE HAPPY TO SEE YOU AT LAST.

YES.

AS FOR THE REST OF US, WE SHOULD PREPARE FOR THE WEDDING CELEBRATION.

TEMUCHIN!?
BÖRTE, IT IS I, TEMUCHIN! I'VE COME TO TAKE YOU AS MY WIFE AT LAST.

AND YOU'RE EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN I HAD REMEMBERED, BÖRTE.

TO THINK THAT THE BOY FROM SO MANY YEARS AGO WOULD GROW UP INTO SUCH A HANDOME YOUNG LAD.

YES.

LET US SHARE OUR JOYS AND HARDSHIPS. COME WITH ME TO MY FAMILY.

LATER THAT DAY, A GRAND FEAST WAS HELD.

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF BREAKING THE PROMISE, SO LET THESE TWO NOW BECOME HUSBAND AND WIFE!

THE SON OF THE GREAT YISUGEI BA'ATUR HAS RETURNED AS A FINE YOUNG MAN IN ORDER TO MARRY MY DAUGHTER BÖRTE AS PROMISED MANY YEARS AGO.

SINCE BÖRTE WILL BE GOING AWAY WITH THE GROOM, I ASK SOME OF YOU TRIBESMEN TO ACCOMPANY HER SO THAT SHE NEVER BECOMES TOO HOMESICK.

CONGRATULATIONS!

NOW THEN, LET US RAISE A GLASS TO THE NEW COUPLE!

CHEERS!

THANK YOU, BELGUTEI.

CONGRATULATIONS, BROTHER.

I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH FINE DISHES AND CUPS BEFORE!

I HAVE TO SAY, THIS IS QUITE THE SCENE.

WHY?

AMAZING...

THEY'RE FROM JIN, I HEAR.

WHY IS THAT, FATHER?

TEMUCHIN, ON YOUR WAY BACK, TAKE A ROUTE TO PASS THROUGH MANY GERS OF OTHER TRIBES.

TO DISPLAY THE OTHERS YOUR NEWFOUND PROSPERITY, OF COURSE. THE POOR NATURALLY FLOCK TO THE RICH. THAT IS HOW YOU WILL GROW YOUR TRIBE INTO A POWERFUL ONE.

HAHA, THAT IS THE ONLY WAY THE OLD CAN HELP THE YOUNG.

UNDERSTOOD. THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR WISDOM.

4 DAYS LATER, TEMUCHIN SET OFF AGAIN.

ACCOMPANYING BÖRTE WERE 30 OF HER TRIBESMEN THEY FORMED AN EXTRAVAGANT PROCESSION WITH CHINESE CULTURAL ADORNMENTS.

OTHER TRIBES WERE SHOCKED BY THE LAVISH-NESS.

I THINK THAT'S TEMUCHIN, THE SON OF YISUGEI.

WHICH TRIBE IS THAT?

AT LONG LAST, THEY ARRIVED AT KHARA JIRUGEN.

THOUGH STILL SMALL, THEY COULD NOW BE CALLED A TRIBE

YES, WE WERE ALL WORRIED WHETHER YOU WOULD RETURN SAFE OR NOT.

YOU ALL REMEMBER THE TIME OUR HORSES WERE STOLEN, DON'T YOU?

OF COURSE, I HAVE NO OBJECTIONS.

I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT IF NOT FOR THE HELP OF A YOUNG MAN NAMED BO'ORCHU. WE'VE SWORN TO BE COMPANIONS FOR LIFE AND I'D LIKE TO INVITE HIM TO JOIN OUR TRIBE NOW.

YES, ANOTHER RELIABLE ALLY IS ALWAYS WANTED.

RIGHT AWAY.

BELGUTEI. YOU'RE TO GO AND INVITE BO'ORCHU HERE.

BELGUTEI QUICKLY SET OFF

5 DAYS LATER, BELGUTEI RETURNED WITH BO'ORCHU.

BO'ORCHU BROUGHT WITH HIM A FLOCK OF TWENTY SHEEP.

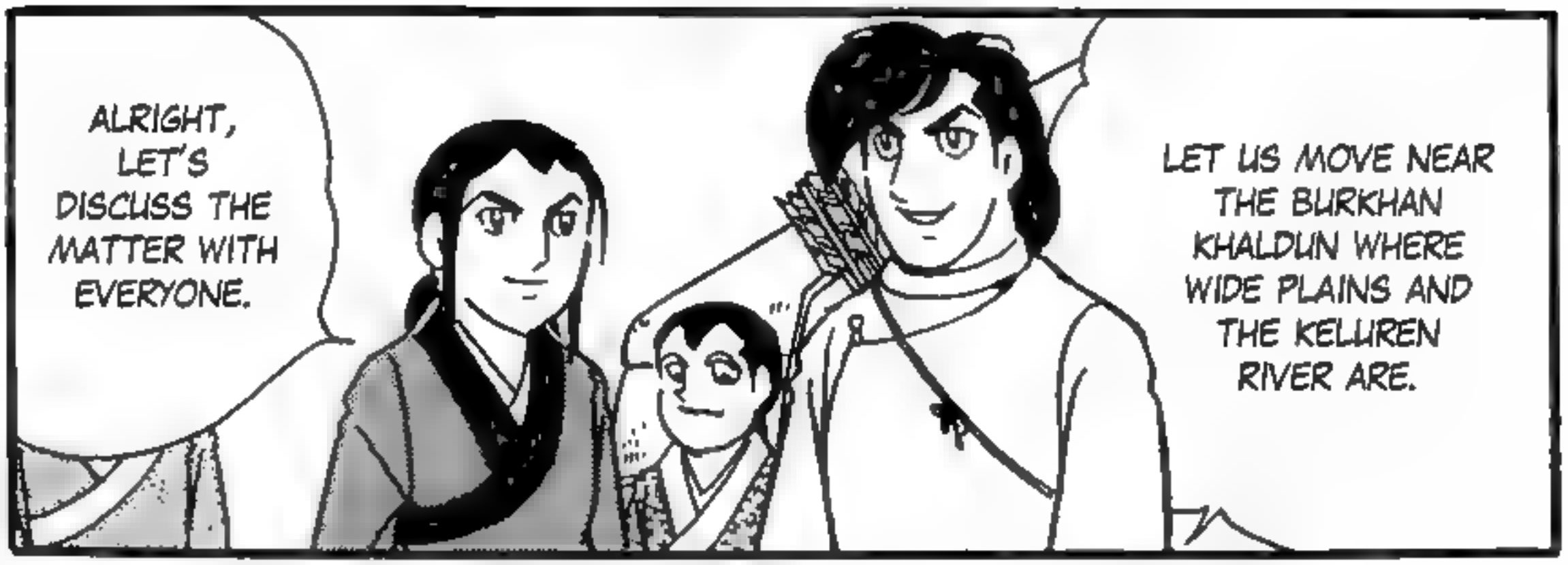
GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, TEMUCHIN. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RECENT WEDDING.

THANK YOU FOR COMING, BO'ORCHU.

YOU THINK SO...?

YOU KNOW, THIS PLACE IS A LITTLE CRAMPED FOR ALL OF US.

MAYBE NOT NOW, BUT IT'S CERTAINLY NO GRAZING GROUNDS FOR LIVESTOCK ONCE WE BECOME LARGE ENOUGH.


ALRIGHT, LET'S DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH EVERYONE.
LET US MOVE NEAR THE BURKHAN KHALDUN WHERE WIDE PLAINS AND THE KELUREN RIVER ARE.

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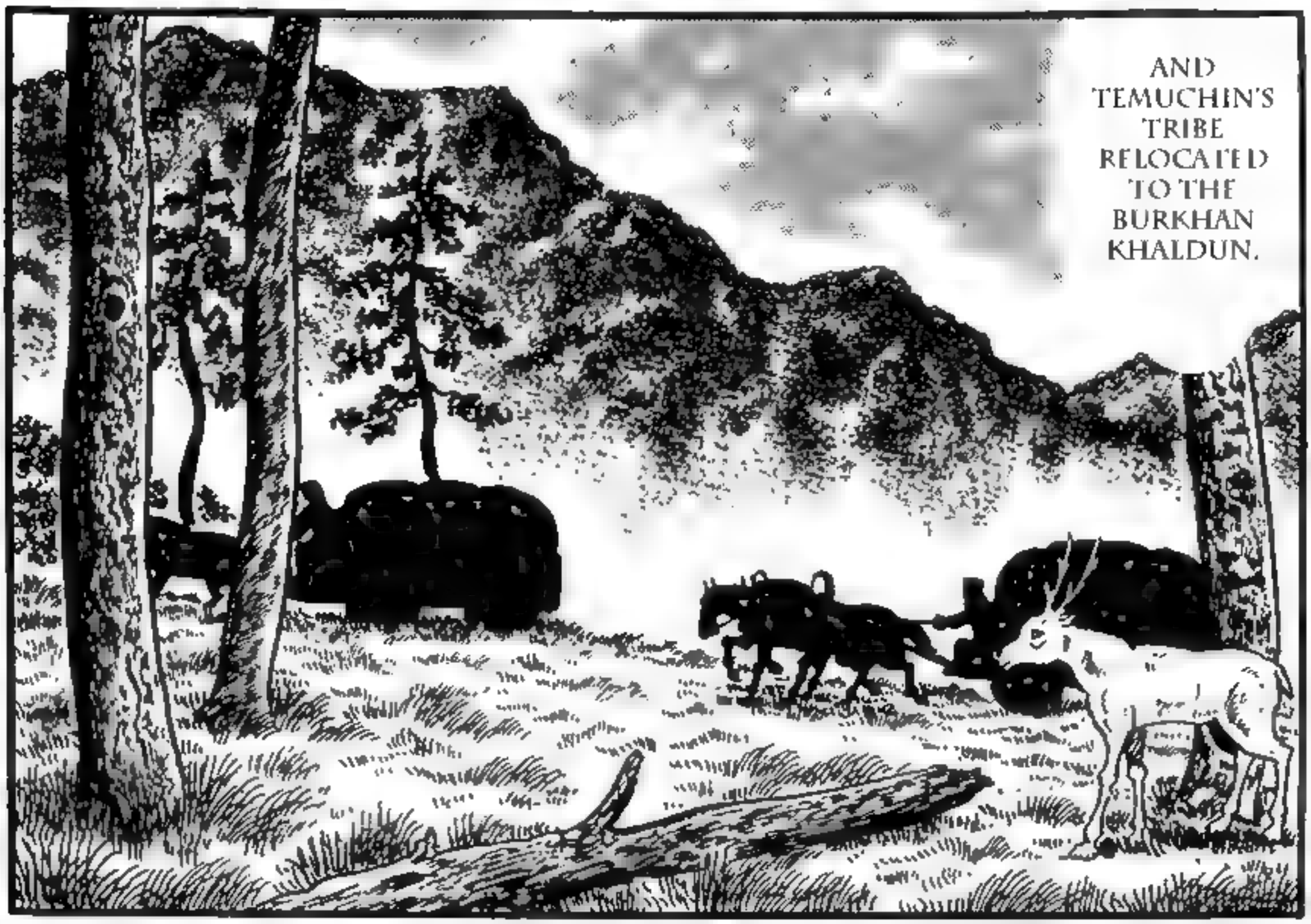
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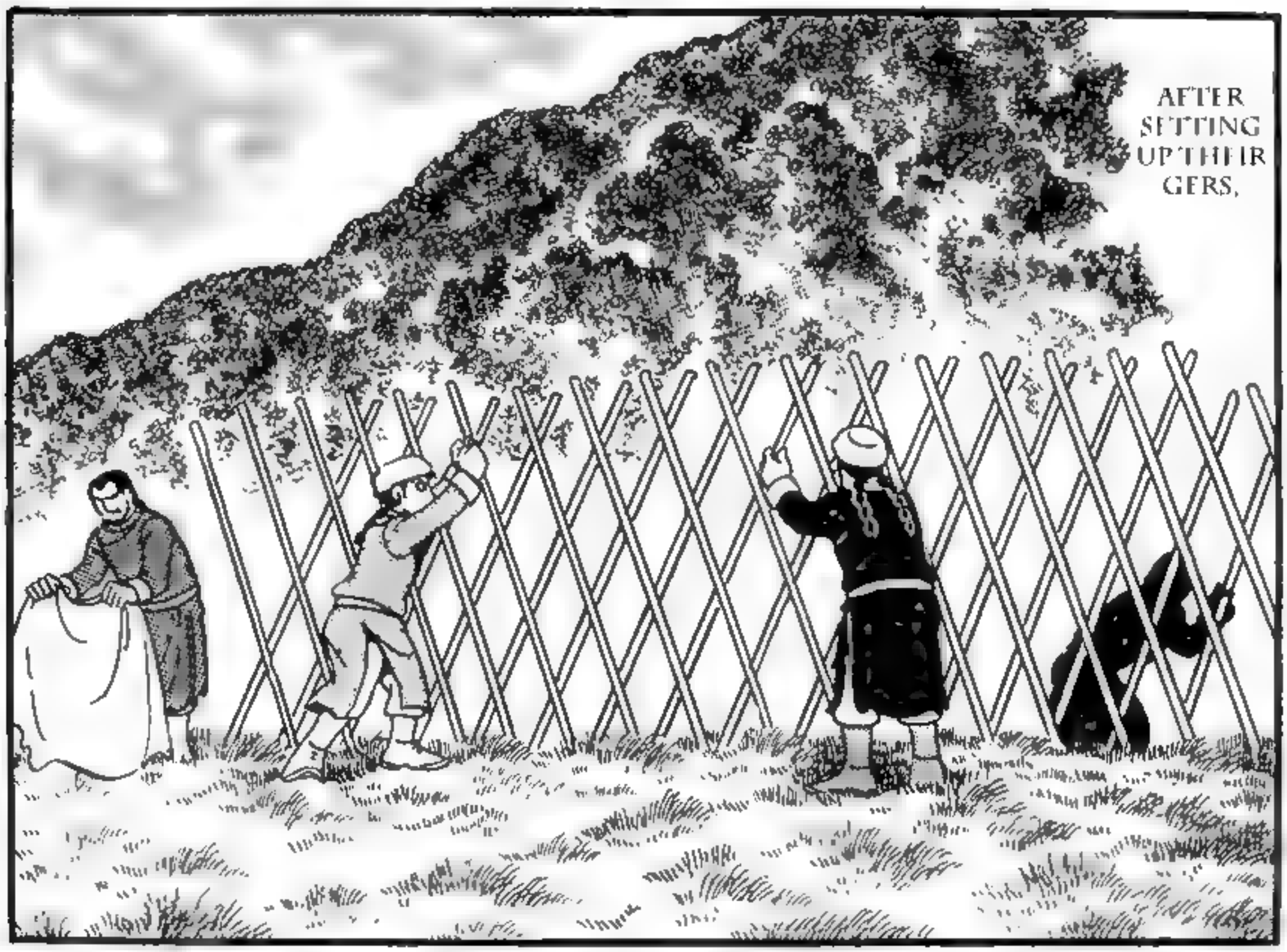
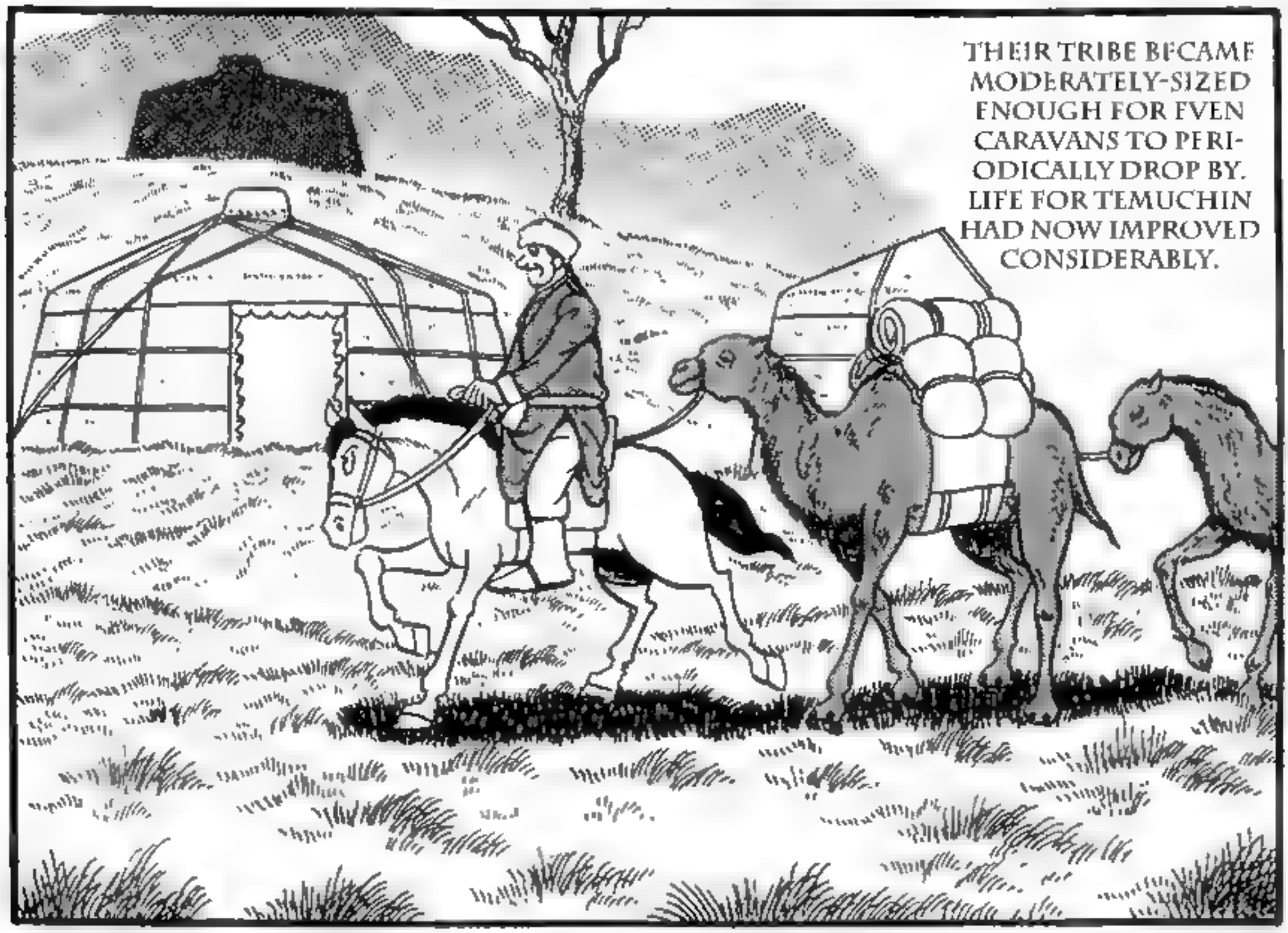
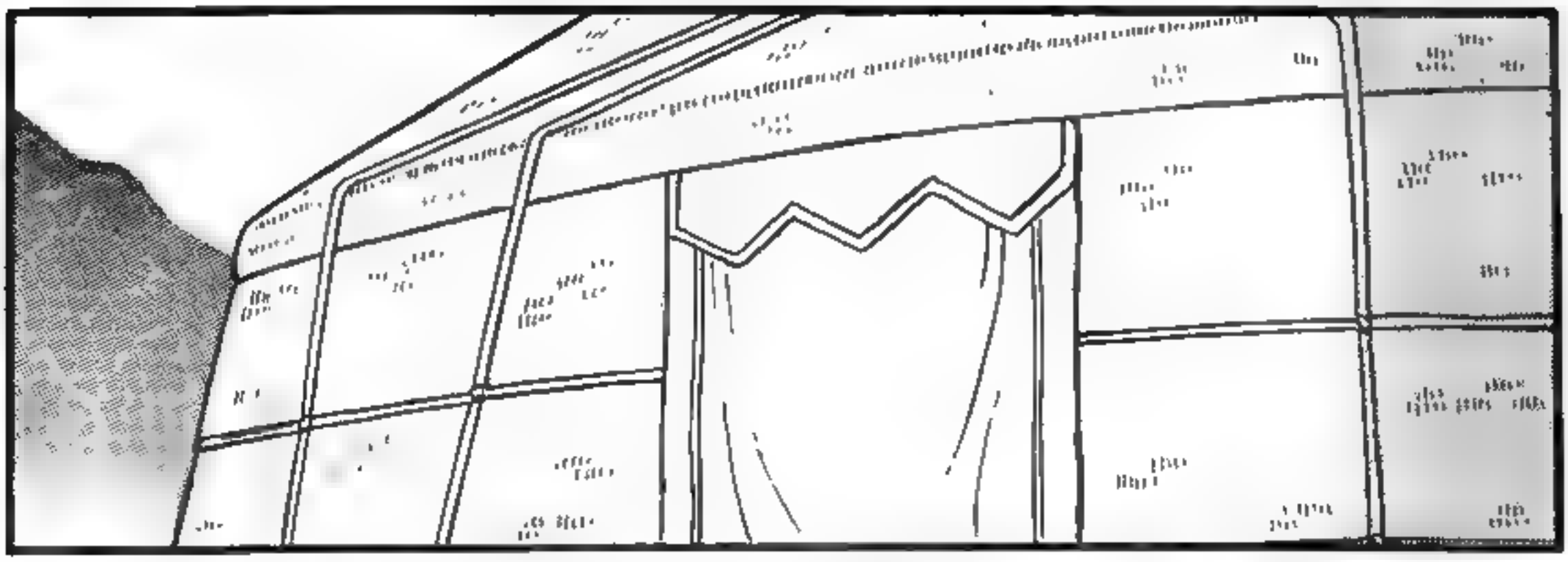

AFTER SETTING UP THEIR GERS,


THEIR TRIBE BECAME MODERATELY-SIZED ENOUGH FOR EVEN CARAVANS TO PERI-ODICALLY DROP BY. LIFE FOR TEMUCHIN HAD NOW IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY.



WHEN I WAS TAKEN CAPTIVE BY THE TAYICHI'UT, IT WAS SORKAN-SHIRA'S SONS CHILA'UN AND CHIMBAI WHO HELPED ME ESCAPE. I WISH TO INVITE THEM HERE.

OF COURSE.

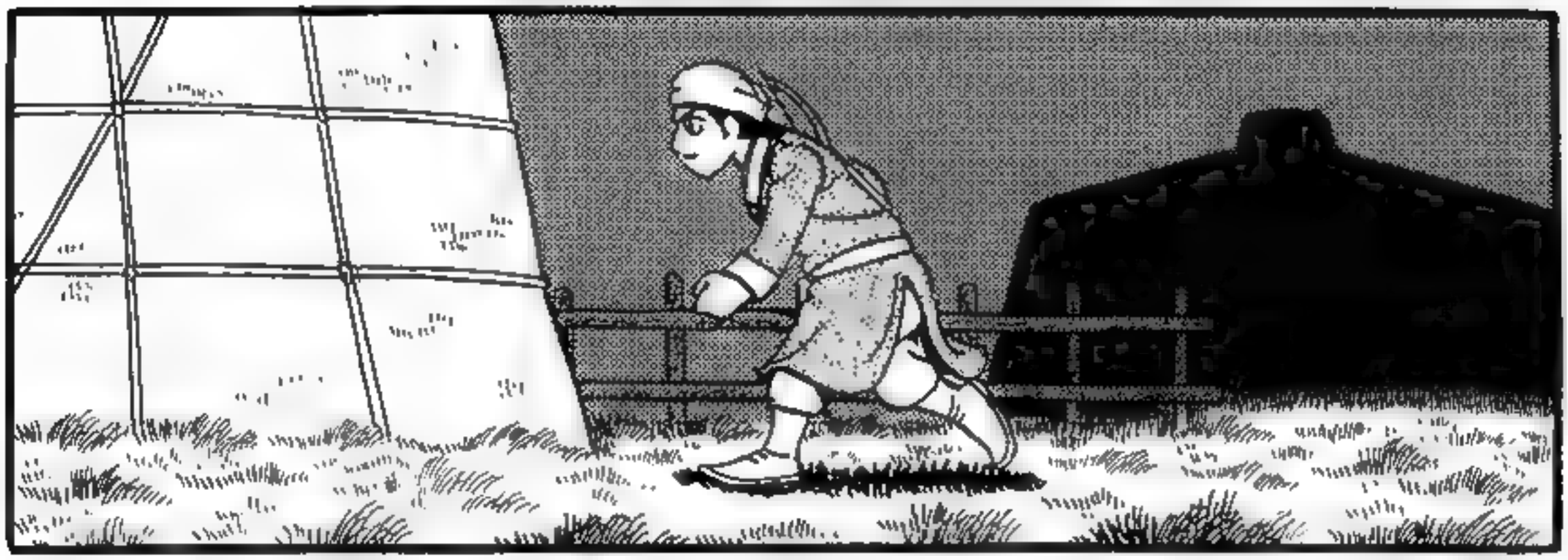
KASAR, I STILL WANT MORE ALLIES.

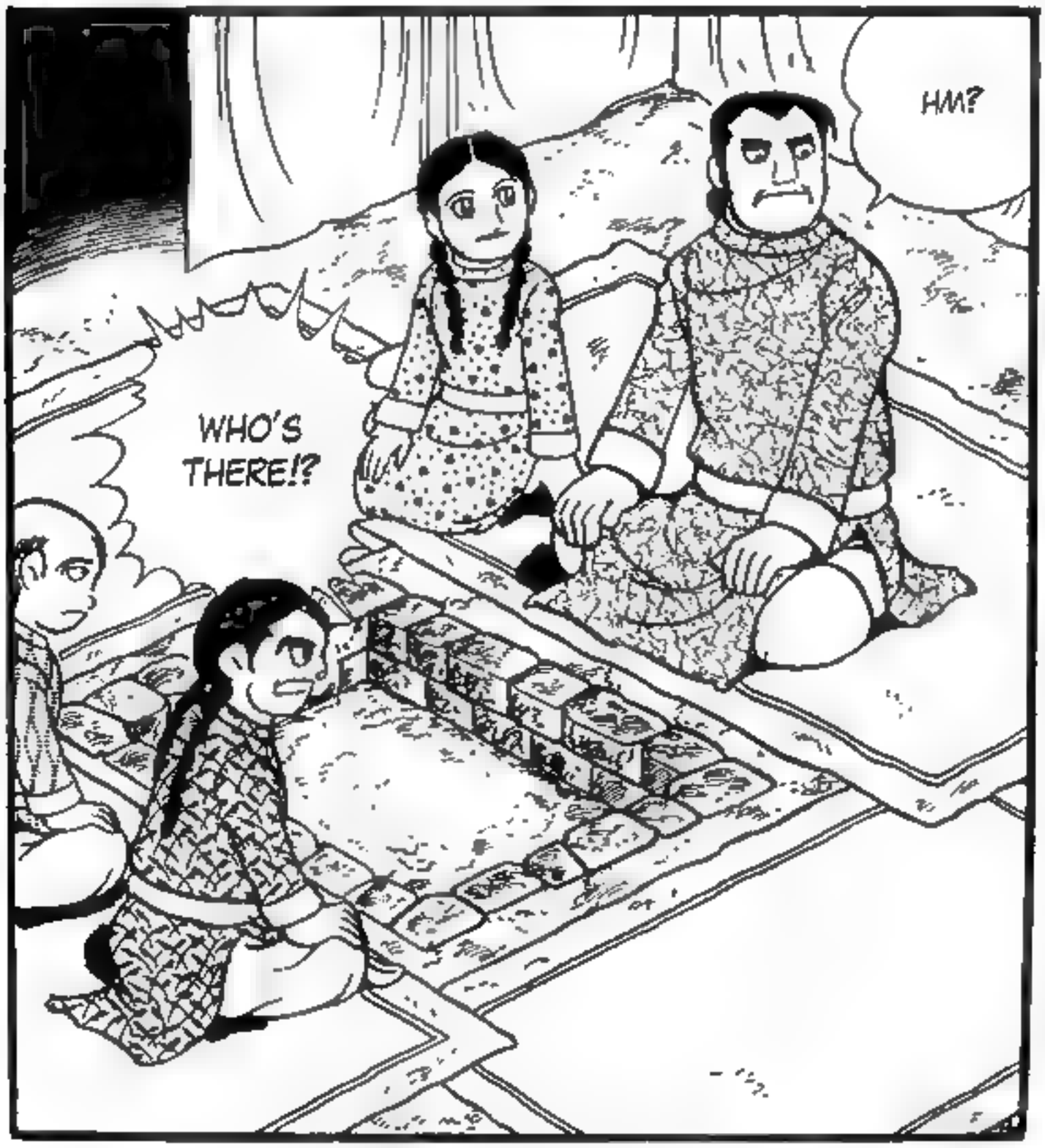
OF COURSE!

THE PROBLEM IS, SORKAN-SHIRA IS WITH THE TAYICHI'UT TRIBE PRESENTLY. THIS WILL BE A DANGEROUS TASK. CAN YOU DO IT FOR ME?

KASAR ACCEPTED THE DANGEROUS MISSION WITH GUSTO.

YOU STAY HERE FOR A WHILE.

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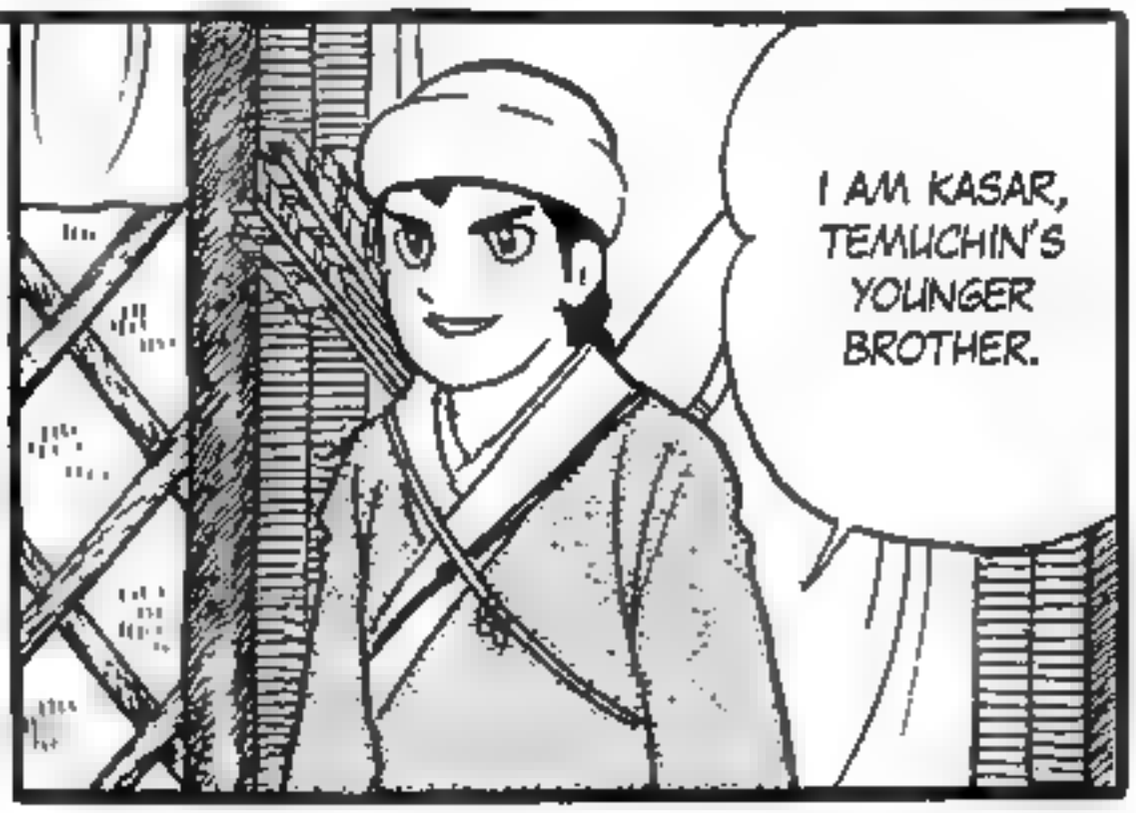
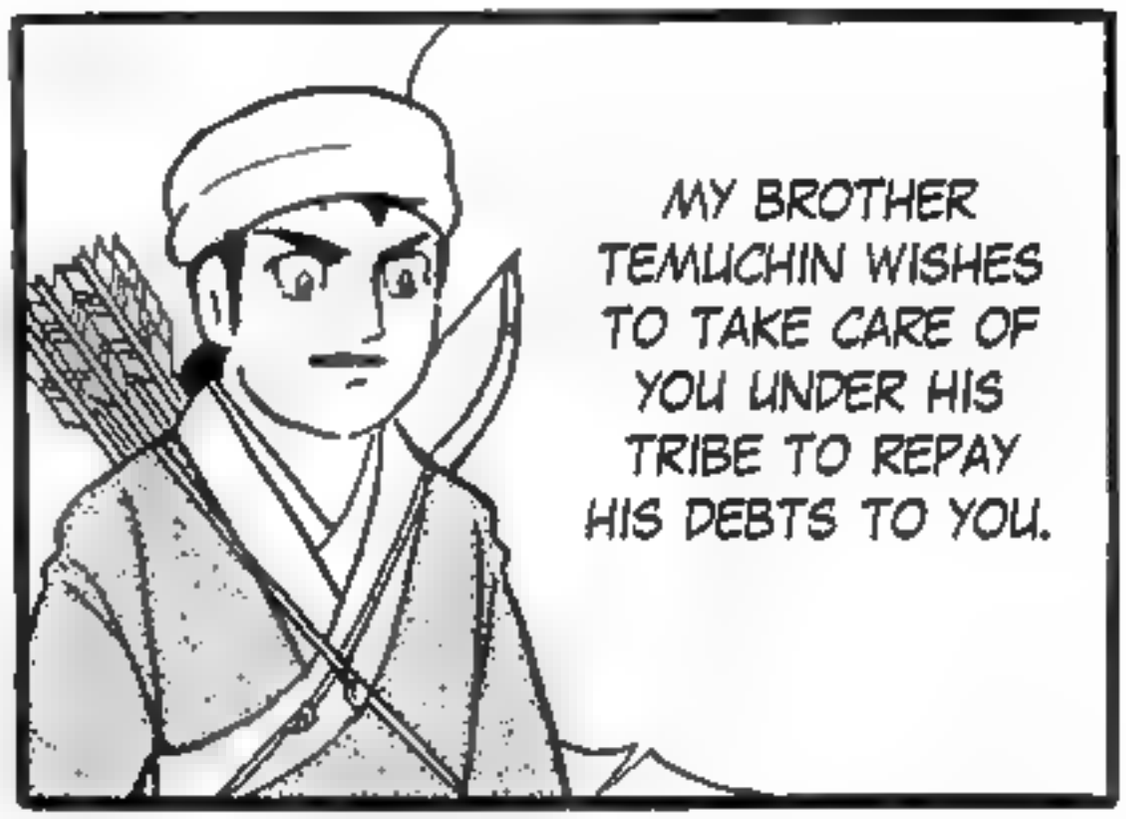
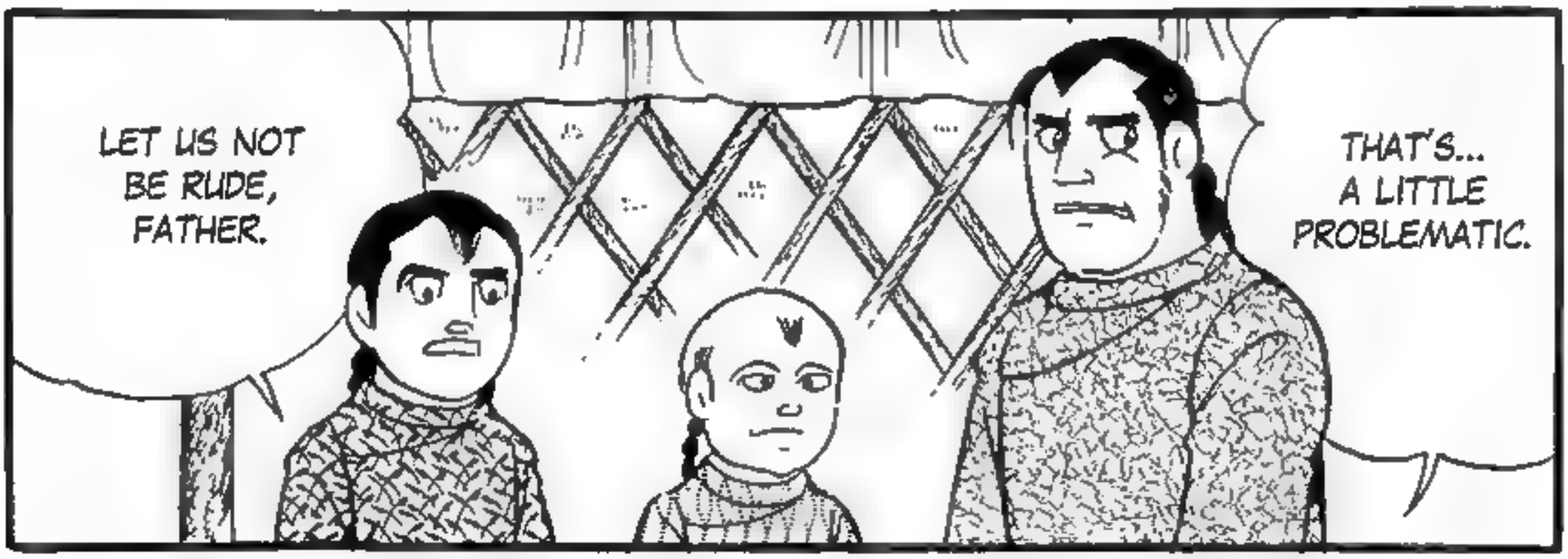
WHO'S THERE!?


I AM KASAR, TEMUCHIN'S YOUNGER BROTHER.


MY BROTHER TEMUCHIN WISHES TO TAKE CARE OF YOU UNDER HIS TRIBE TO REPAY HIS DEBTS TO YOU.


LET US NOT BE RUDE, FATHER.
THAT'S... A LITTLE PROBLEMATIC.

I TOO, FATHER.
TEMUCHIN SENT HIS OWN BROTHER TO RISK HIS LIFE AND COME TO TAYICHI'UT TERRITORY ALL IN ORDER TO INVITE US. THAT IS HOW MUCH TEMUCHIN TRUSTS AND CARES FOR US. I WISH TO RESPOND TO HIS HEARTFELT TRUST.

FINE... IF THAT'S HOW YOU STRONGLY FEEL, I SHALL SAY NO MORE.

YES, FATHER.

BUT I WILL REMAIN HERE. IF I WERE TO PACK UP MY GER AND TRY TO MOVE MY ENTIRE LIVESTOCK, THE TAYICHI'UT WOULD SURELY KILL ME.

THANK YOU, FATHER.

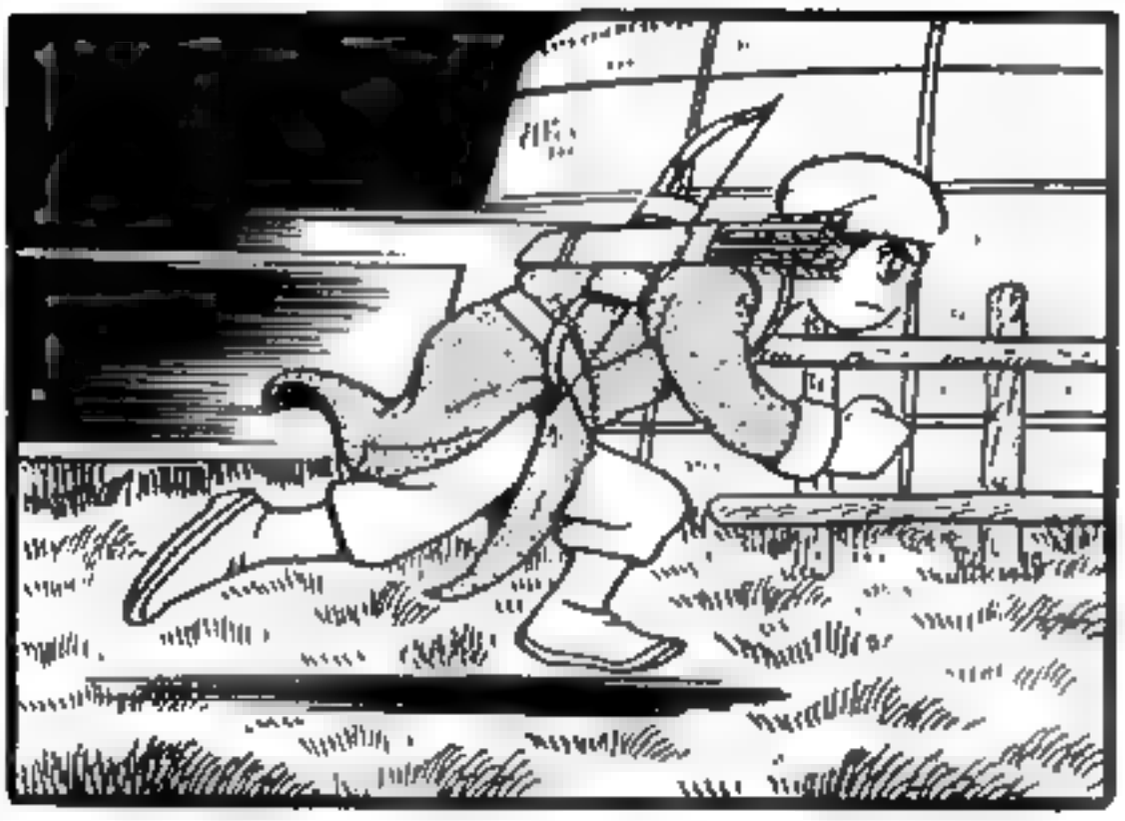
TAKE MY BEST HORSES AND GO.

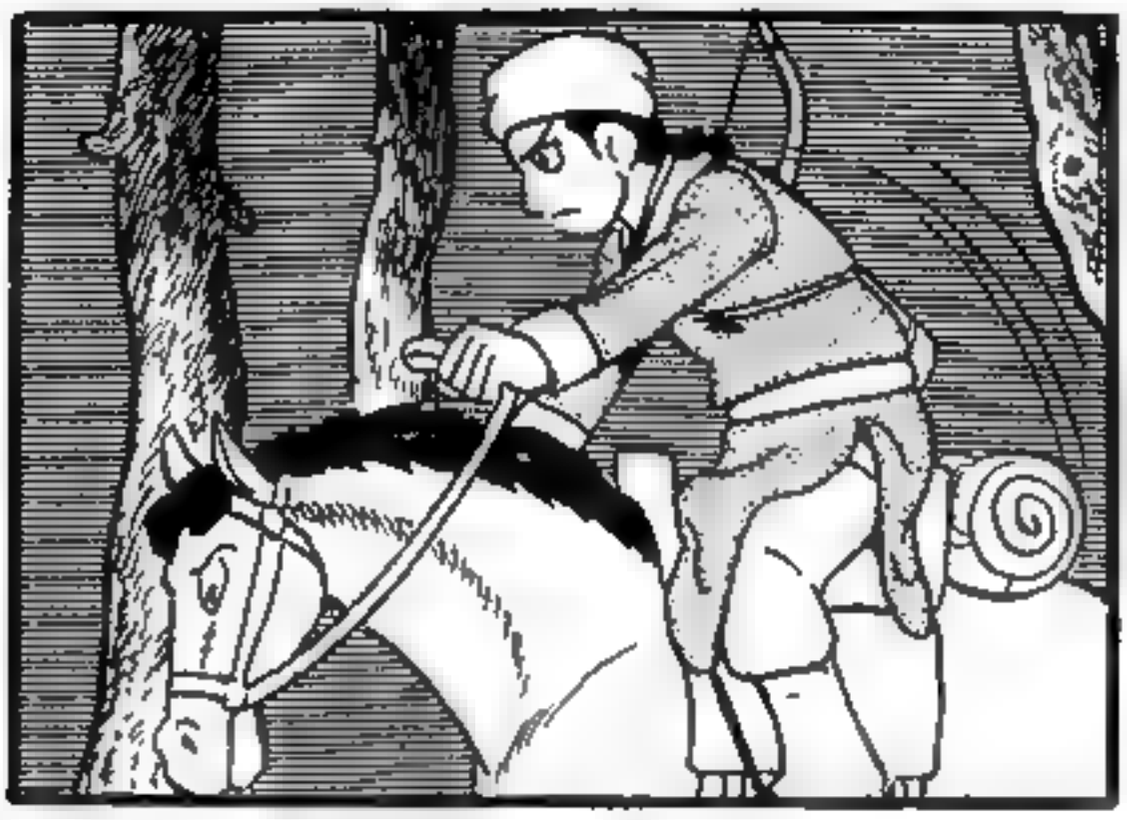
WE KNOW, FATHER.

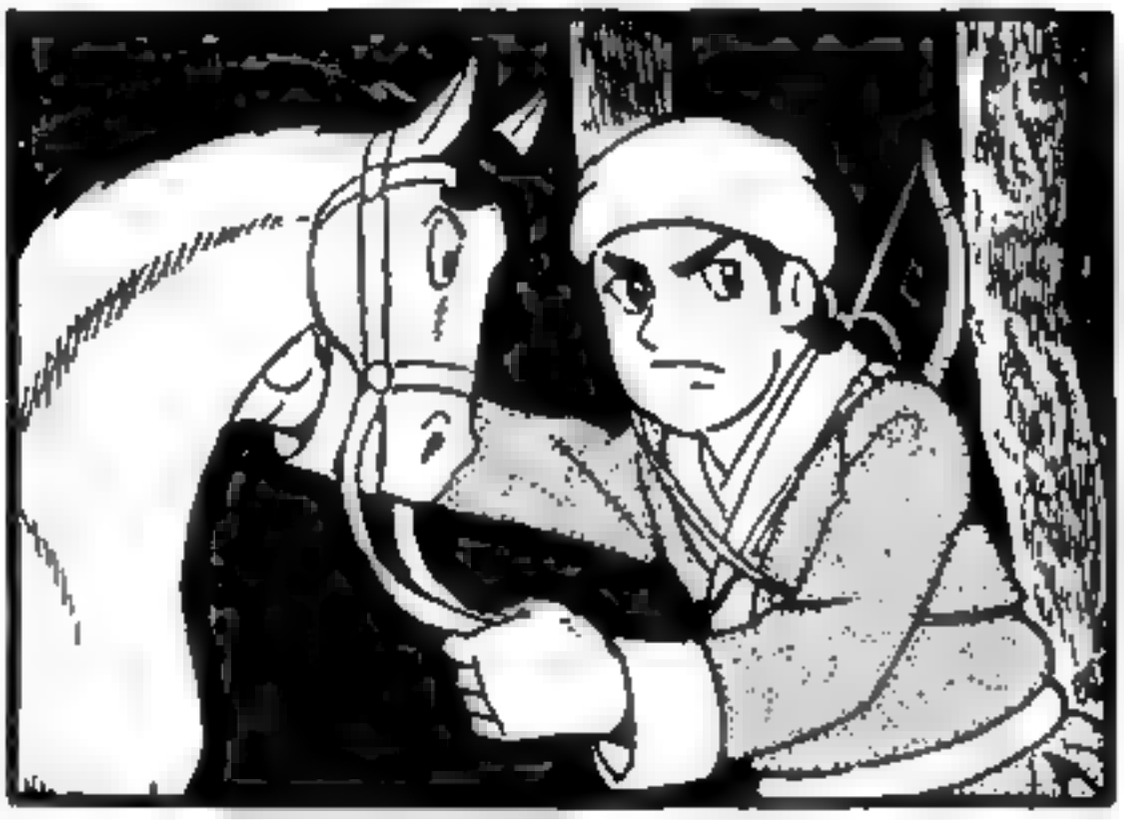
NEVER LET YOUR CONVICTIONS WAVER. SERVE TEMUCHIN LOYALLY, AND HE WILL SERVE YOU WELL IN RETURN.

YES.

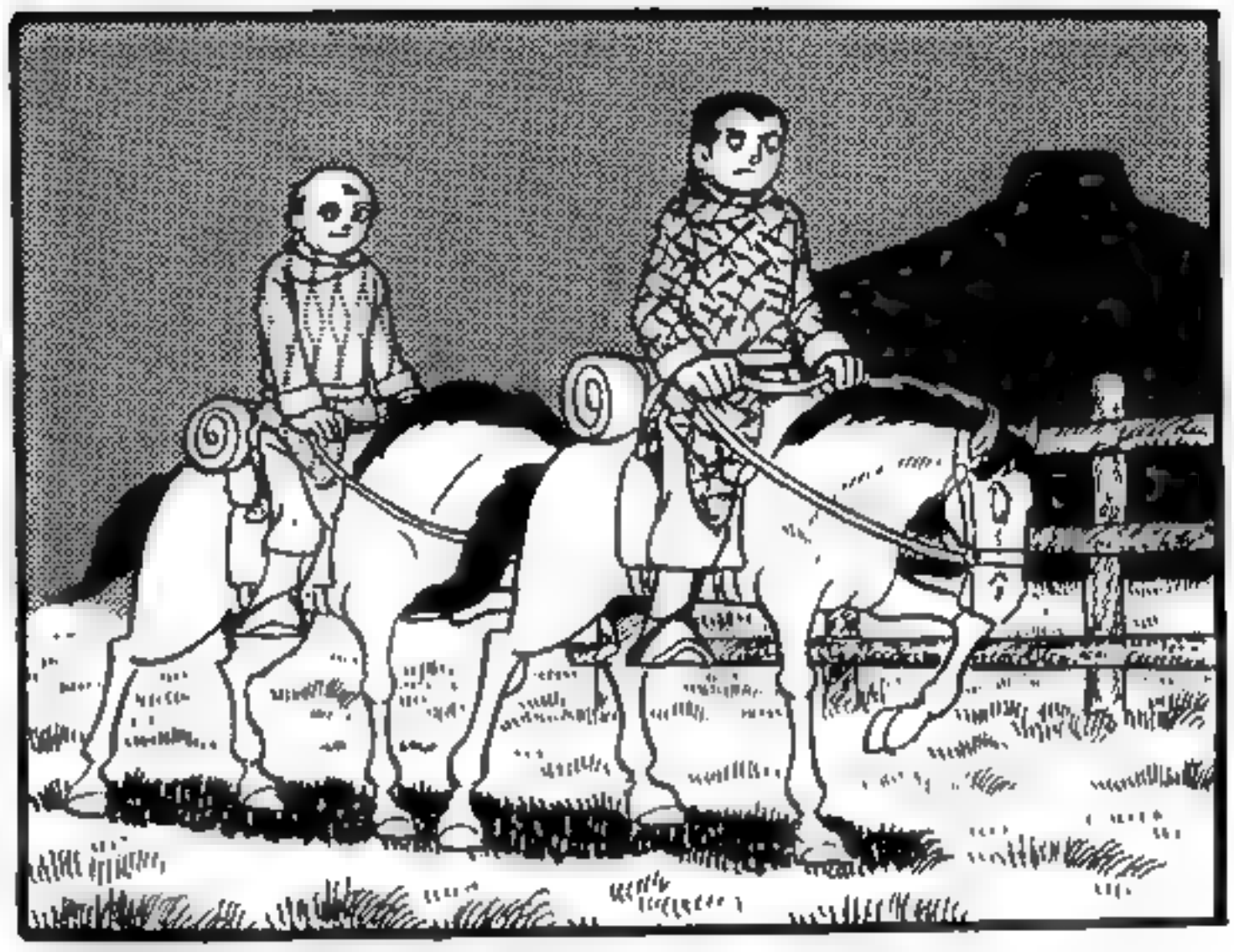
GO ON AHEAD, KASAR. WE'LL FOLLOW SHORTLY AFTER GETTING OUR HORSES.







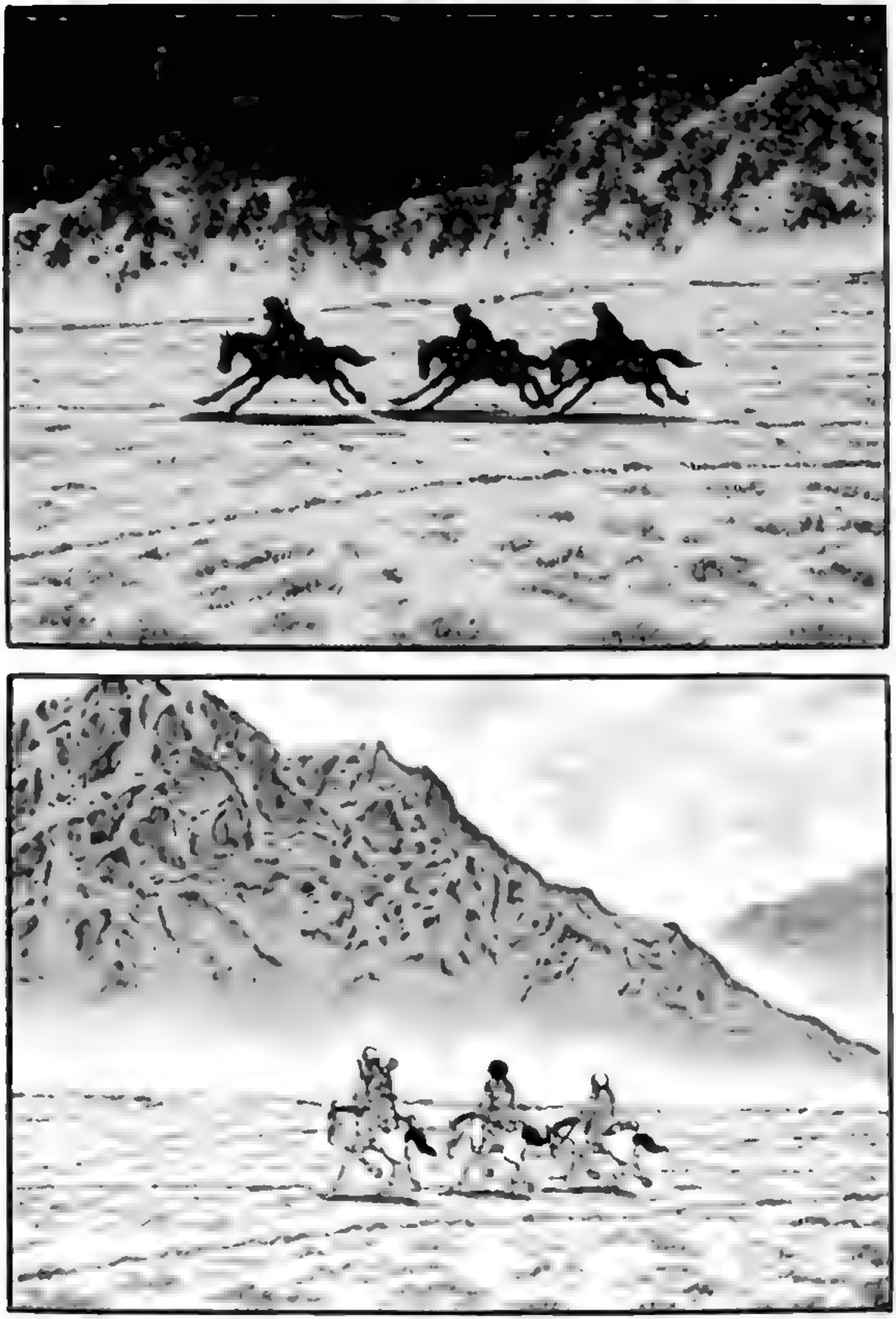
YES.
CHILA'UN, DO NOT RUSH. HEAD OUT CASUALLY AS TO NOT AROUSE ANY SUSPICIONS.

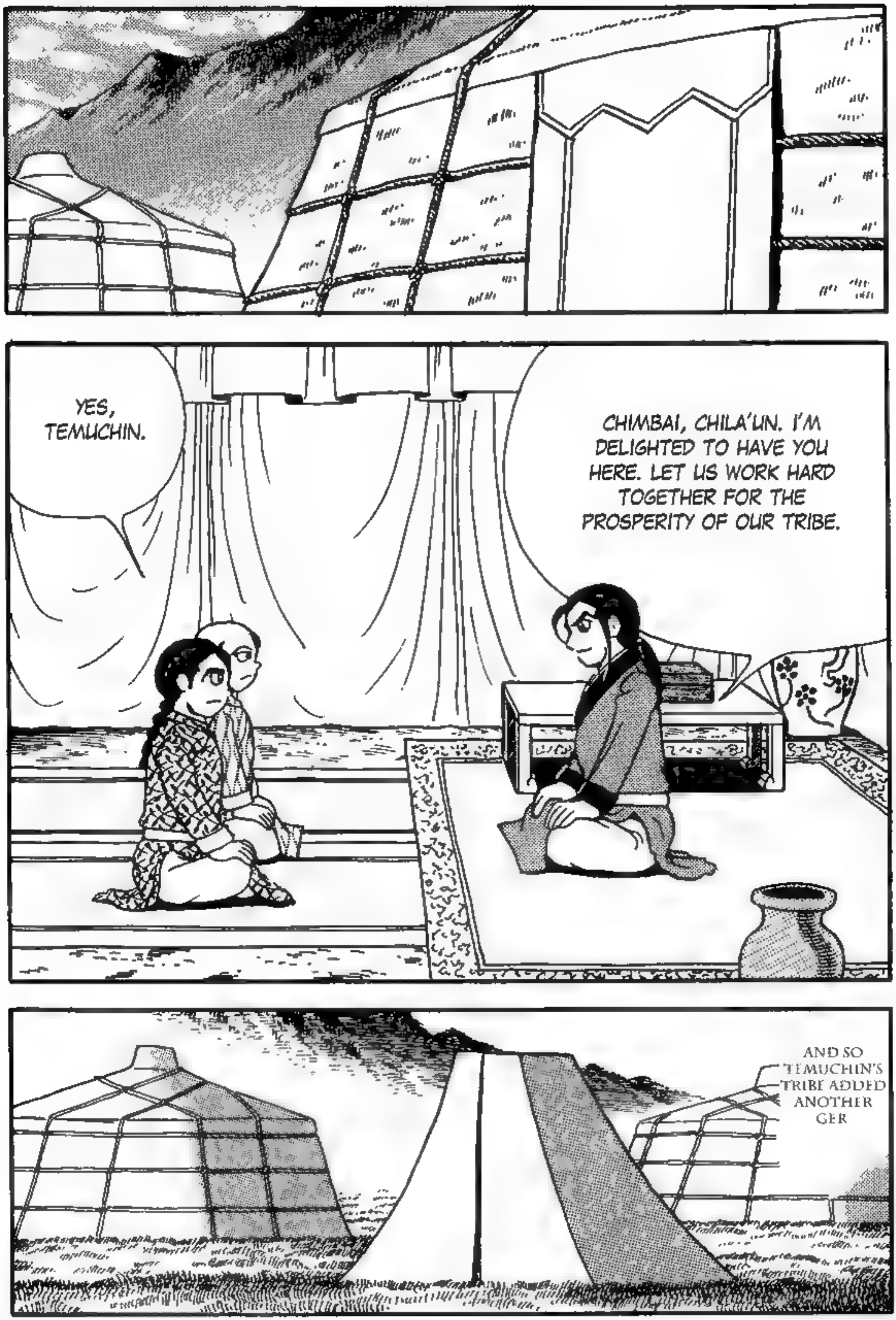


NO, IT'S FINE. LET US BE OFF THEN.

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.

GIDDY-UP!




YES, TEMUCHIN.
CHIMBAI, CHILA'UN. I'M DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU HERE. LET US WORK HARD TOGETHER FOR THE PROSPERITY OF OUR TRIBE.
AND SO TEMUCHIN'S TRIBE ADDED ANOTHER GER

THEN LET ME ASK YOU, WHO IS THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE STEPPE?

OF COURSE WE DO. IT'S PART OF THE TRADE.

YOU MERCHANTS KNOW A LOT ABOUT THE STEPPE, HAVING TRAVELLED ALL OVER, DON'T YOU?

30,000!?

THAT WOULD BE THE KEREIT KHAN, TOGHRUL. HE CAN FIELD AN ARMY OF 30,000 MEN.

WHO ELSE?

HE'S ALREADY SUBJUGATED NUMEROUS TRIBES AND HAS ASPIRATIONS OF BECOMING THE KHAN OF THE WHOLE STEPPE.

JAMUKA? OF THE JADARAT TRIBE?

THE MERKITS ARE QUITE FORMIDABLE, WITH AN ARMY OF AT LEAST 10,000. STILL, I DON'T THINK THEY'RE A MATCH FOR TOGHRUL, NOW THAT JAMUKA HAS ENTERED TOGHRUL'S SERVICE, BRINGING ALONG A FORCE OF 20,000.

YES, HIS TRIBE WAS PART OF THE KHAMAG MONGOLS AND WE WERE GOOD FRIENDS AS CHILDREN.

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

WELL, IN ANY CASE, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.

I DIDN'T REALIZE JAMUKA HAD BECOME SO STRONG...

OH OF COURSE, WE'RE ONLY DOING OUR JOB AS MERCHANTS.

MY TRIBE MAY BE SMALL, BUT PLEASE DO VISIT AGAIN.

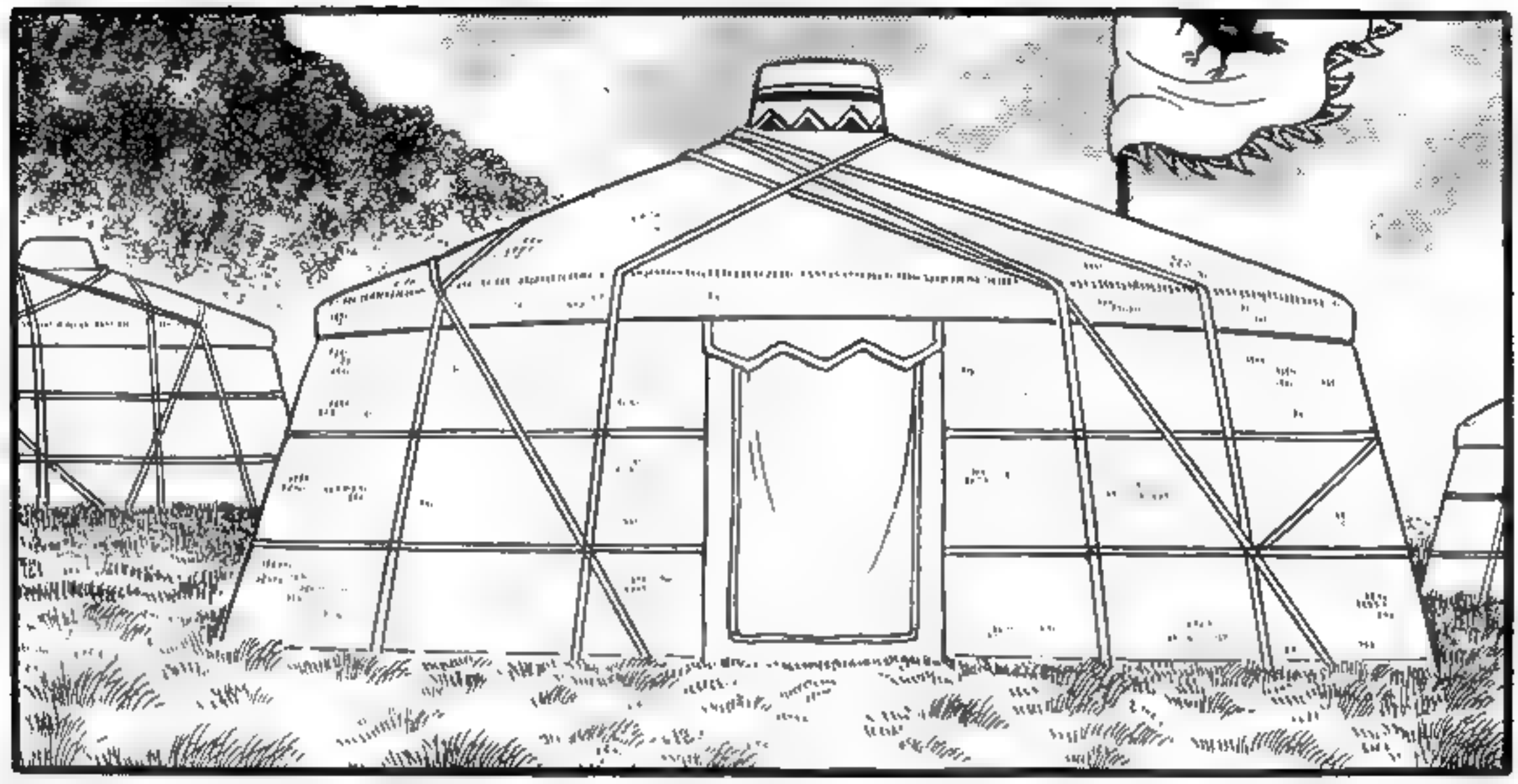
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, HE WAS MY FATHER'S ANDA...

SO TOGHRUL IS THE MOST POWERFUL MAN RIGHT NOW, IS HE...

*ANDA SWORN BROTHERS FROM A BLOOD-PACT

I NEED A LARGE SHIELD TO DEFEND AGAINST THE TATARS AND TAYICHI'UT. IT WOULD BE WISE TO SEEK SERVICE UNDER TOGHRUL FOR NOW...

Stolen Wife



NOW THAT WE'VE GROWN TO A MODERATE SIZE, IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE THE TAYICHI'UT COME TO ATTACK US.

AND WHO WOULD THAT BE?

THAT'S WHY I THINK WE SHOULD SEEK A POWERFUL PROTECTOR.

WHY WOULD A POWERFUL KHAN LIKE HIM WANT TO PROTECT US?

TOGHRUL, THE KHAN OF THE KEREITS.

HE AND TOGHRUL SWORE TO BE ANDA AFTER HELPING HIM BECOME KHAN...

AND?

FATHER ONCE TALKED TO ME ABOUT TOGHRUL...

THE KEREITS OF WESTERN MONGOLIA HAD A KHANATE OF THEIR OWN. TOGHRUL'S FATHER WAS THE FORMER KHAN.

HOWEVER, UPON HIS FATHER'S PASSING, TOGHRUL COMMITTED FRATRICIDE FOR HIS OWN BID AT THE KEREIT THRONE.

HOWEVER, TOGHRUL'S UNCLE, THE GURKHAN, CALLED UPON THE NEIGHBOURING NAIMANS FOR MILITARY AID TO SECURE HIS THRONE

IN THE ENSUING BATTLE, TOGHRUL WAS DEFEATED AND DRIVEN OUT FROM KERFIT TERRITORY WITH BARELY 100 RETAINERS.

TOGHRUL THEN SOUGHT AID FROM YISUGEI.

YISUGEI AGREED TO UPHOLD HIS CLAIM TO THE KEREIT THRONE.

AFTER A FIERCE FIGHT, TOGHRUL AND YISUGEI'S FORCES PREVAILED AND TOGHRUL BECAME THE NEW KEREIT KHAN.

TO THANK YISUGEI, TOGHRUL SWORE AN OATH OF ANDA IN WHICH YISUGEI WOULD BE THE ELDER BROTHER.

YES, AS LONG AS TOGHRUL HASN'T FORGOTTEN HIS DEBTS.

I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. WELL IF THEY WERE ANDA, I'M SURE HE'LL AGREE TO TAKE US IN.

YES, THAT'S THE PROBLEM. I WANTED TO DISCUSS WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST GIFT FOR TOGHRUL...

STILL, WE'LL NEED A GIFT OF SOME KIND FOR OUR FIRST MEETING...

I HAVE JUST THE THING.

I-I-ISN'T THIS... A SABLE CLOAK!?

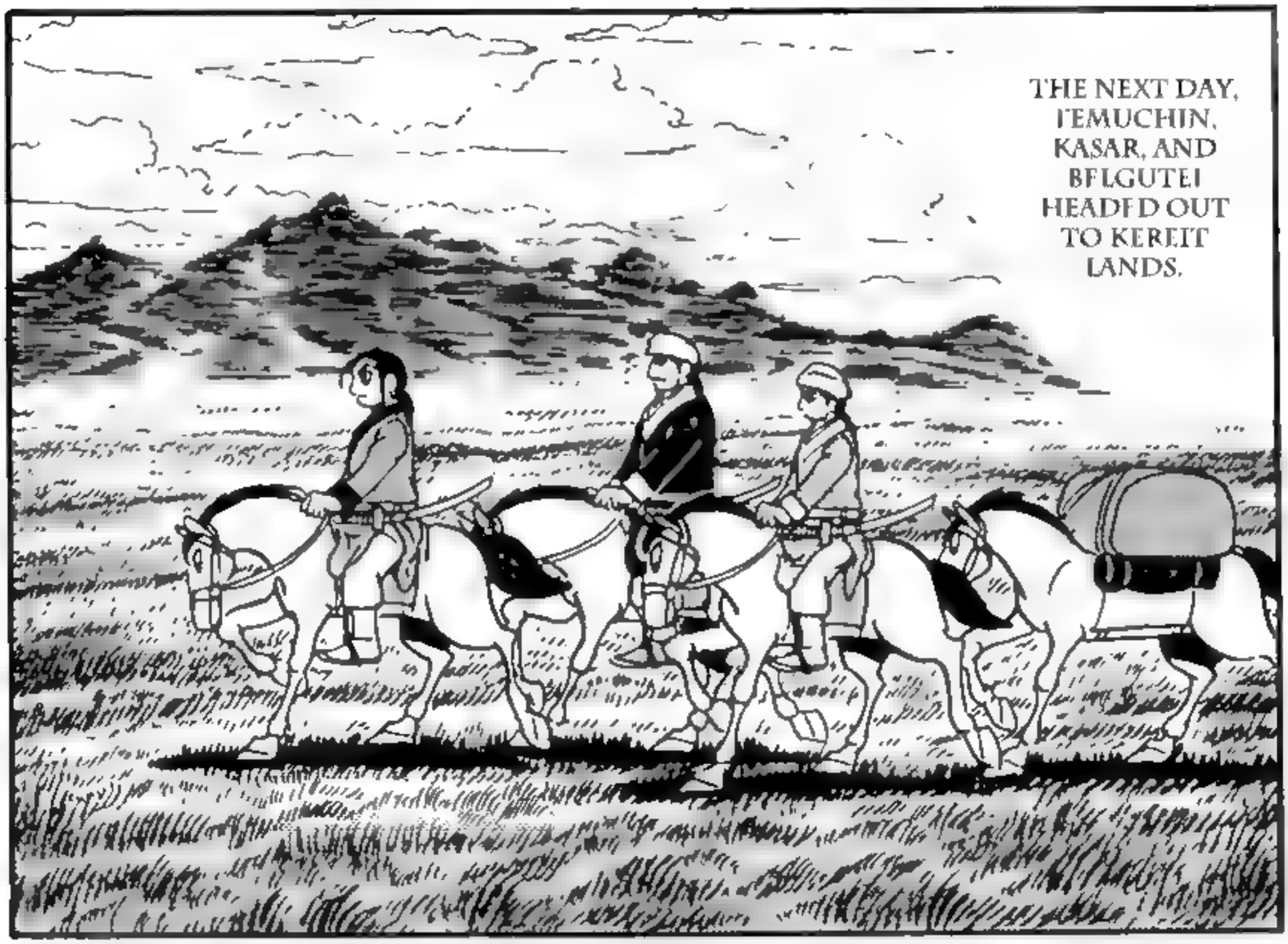
WHEN I LEFT, MY MOTHER TOLD ME TO TAKE THIS TO YOUR FAMILY AS THE WEDDING GIFT.

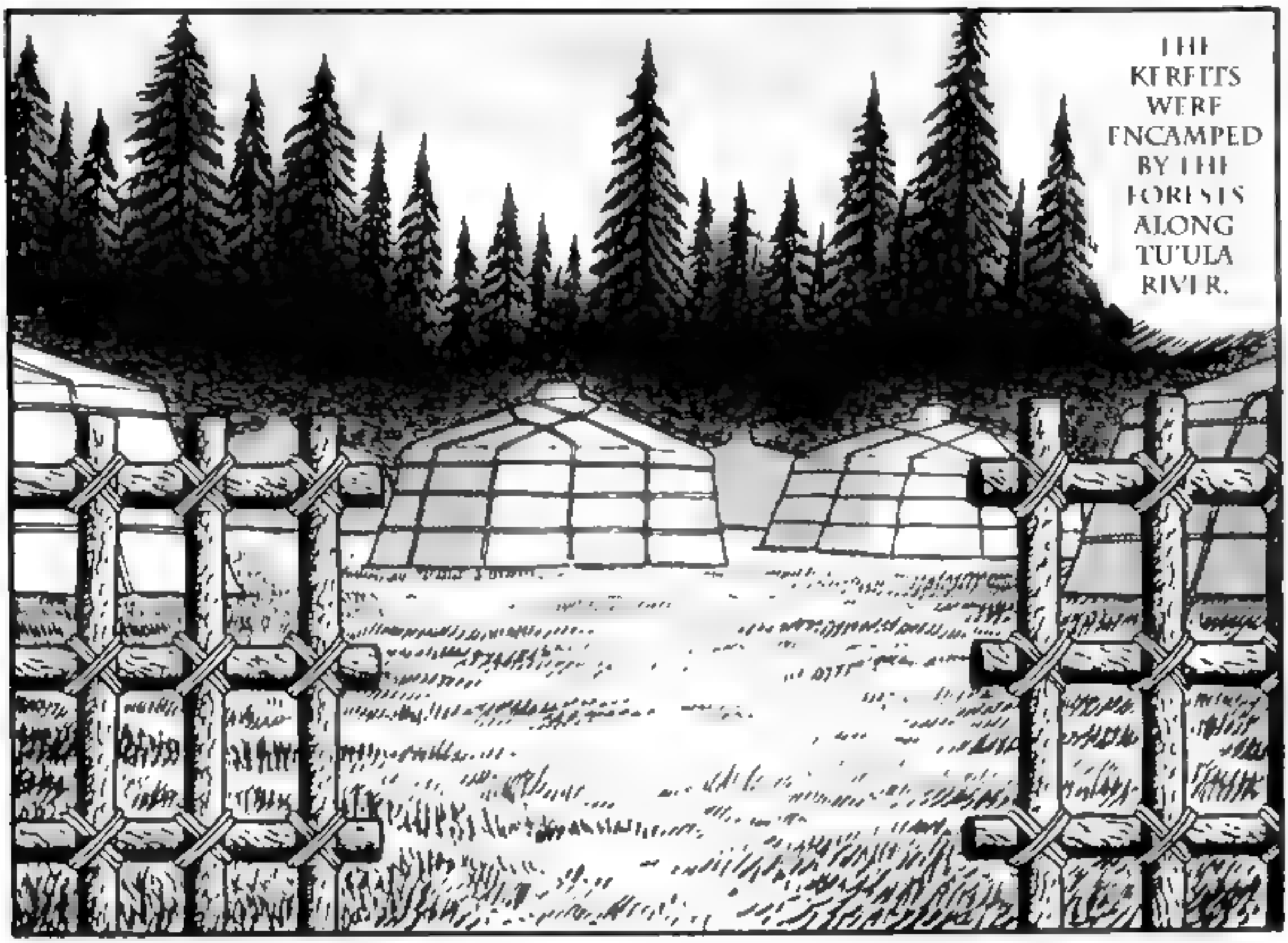
SPLENDID!

SABLE!?

YES, THIS WILL BE A FINE GIFT FOR A KHAN.

SABLE WAS THE MOST VALUABLE OF ALL FURS AT THE TIME. THIS CLOAK ALONE WOULD HAVE BEEN WORTH FAR MORE THAN THE REST OF THE FAMILY'S POSSESSIONS PUT TOGETHER.


THE NEXT DAY, TEMUCHIN, KASAR, AND BELGUTEI HEADED OUT TO KEREIT LANDS.


THE KEREITS WERE ENCAMPED BY THE FORESTS ALONG TU'ULA RIVER.

YES, IT'S SAID THAT TOGHRUL HAS AN ARMY OF 30,000.

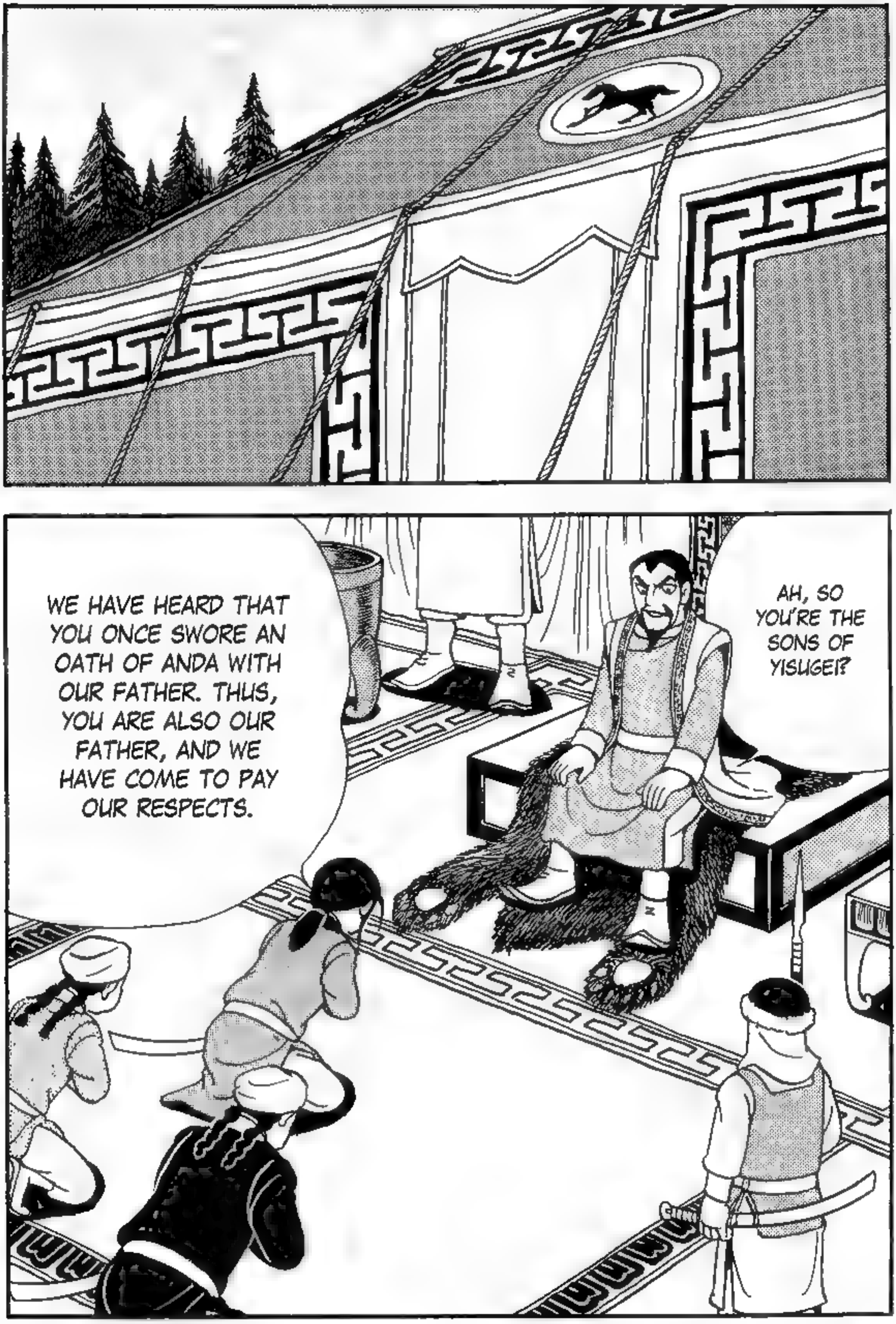
THIS IS THE CAMPSITE OF THE LEADING KHAN IN THE STEPPE, RIGHT?

I'M SURE THAT'S DUE TO HAVING TO TAKE CARE OF SO MANY MORE TRIBESMEN.

HMM... THEY DON'T LOOK RICHER THAN THE ONGIRRATS, IF YOU ASK ME. MAYBE EVEN POORER.

VERY WELL.

PLEASE TELL THE KHAN THAT YISUGEI'S SONS HAVE COME TO PAY HIM A VISIT.


WE HAVE HEARD THAT YOU ONCE SWORE AN OATH OF ANDA WITH OUR FATHER. THUS, YOU ARE ALSO OUR FATHER, AND WE HAVE COME TO PAY OUR RESPECTS.
AH, SO YOU'RE THE SONS OF YISUGEI?

THIS WAS THE DOWRY GIVEN BY MY WIFE'S FAMILY, BUT I WOULD PREFER TO GIVE IT TO YOU.

YES, I HOPE IT IS TO YOUR LIKING.

I-IS THIS REAL SABLE!?

I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH RESPECTFUL SONS... THERE COULD BE NO BETTER GIFT THAN THIS SABLE CLOAK.

I'VE HEARD THAT YOUR FAMILY HAS FALLEN ON HARD TIMES SINCE YISUGEI'S UNFORTUNATE PASSING. I PROMISE I WILL RESTORE YOUR TRIBE TO ITS FORMER GLORY, JUST AS YOUR FATHER HELPED ME BECOME KHAN.

DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL FOR MY HELP WHEN TROUBLE COMES.

I AM HONOURED, TOGHRUL KHAN.

STILL... IMAGINE HOW MANY HORSES AND SHEEP WE COULD'VE BOUGHT WITH THAT SABLE CLOAK...

THAT WENT WELL. THE KEREITS ARE NOW OUR RELIABLE ALLIES.

SEVERAL DAYS AFTER THE BROTHERS RETURNED HOME ..

TEMUCHIN.

AN OLD MAN?

SOME STRANGE OLD MAN IS HERE TO SEE YOU.

JARCHI'UDAI? CAN'T SAY I KNOW HIM...

YES, HIS NAME WAS... UMM... JARCHI... UDAI, I THINK?

WELL, I'LL GO SEE WHAT HE WANTS IN ANY CASE.

GREETINGS. I AM JARCHI'UDAI AND THIS IS MY SON, JELME.

HELLO, I AM TEMUCHIN.

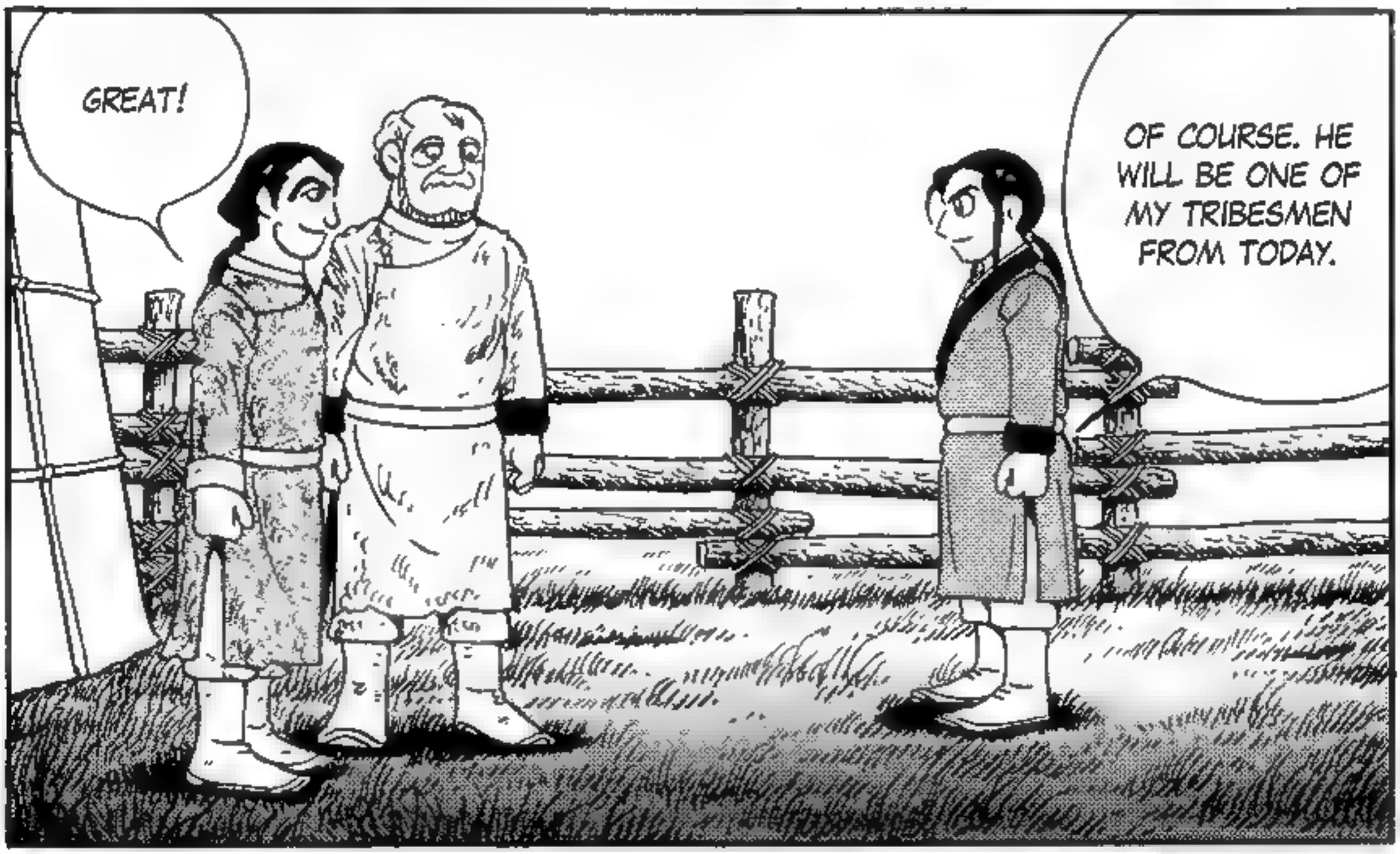
IN THE PAST, I USED TO SERVE YOUR FATHER, YISUGEI.

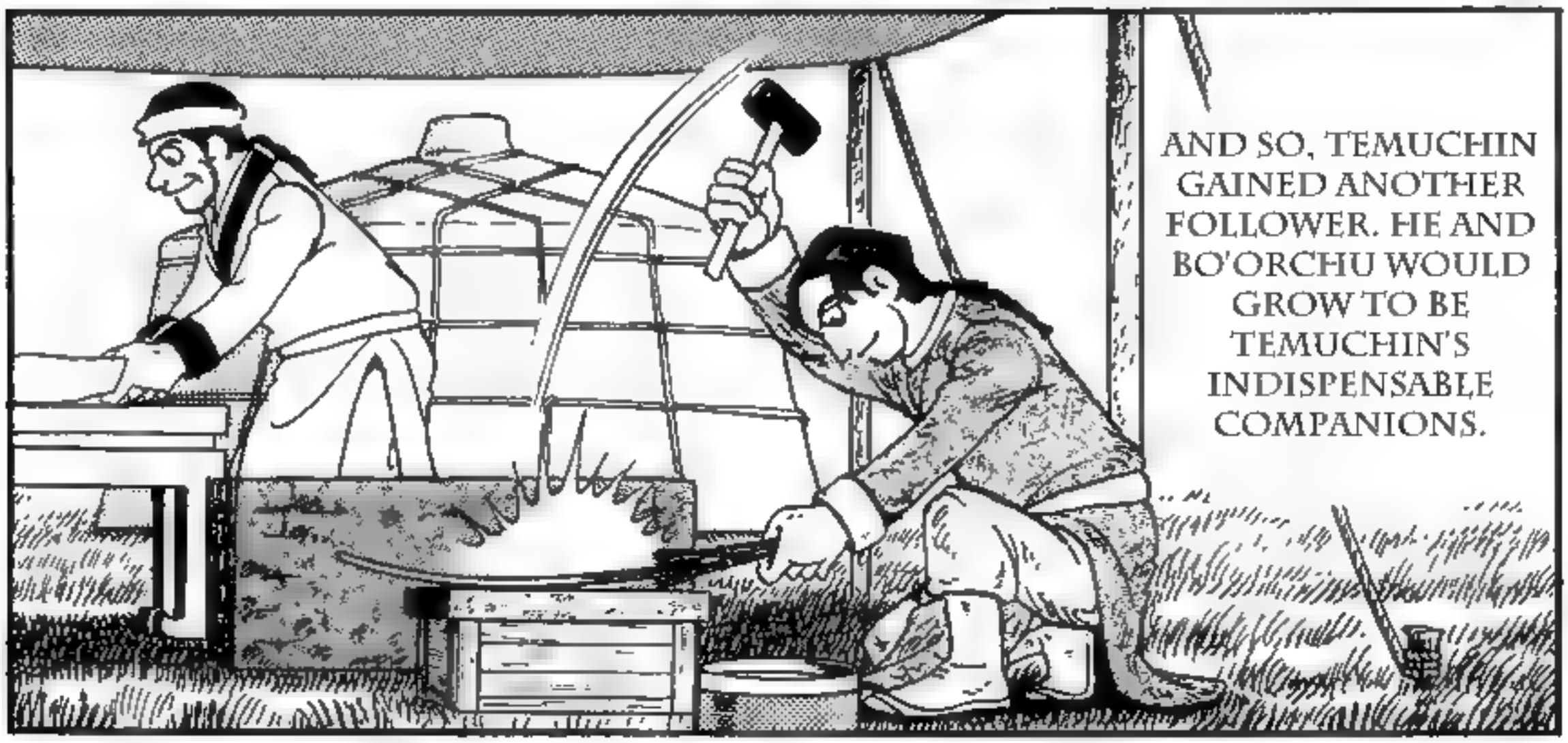
AND WHAT BRINGS YOU TWO HERE?

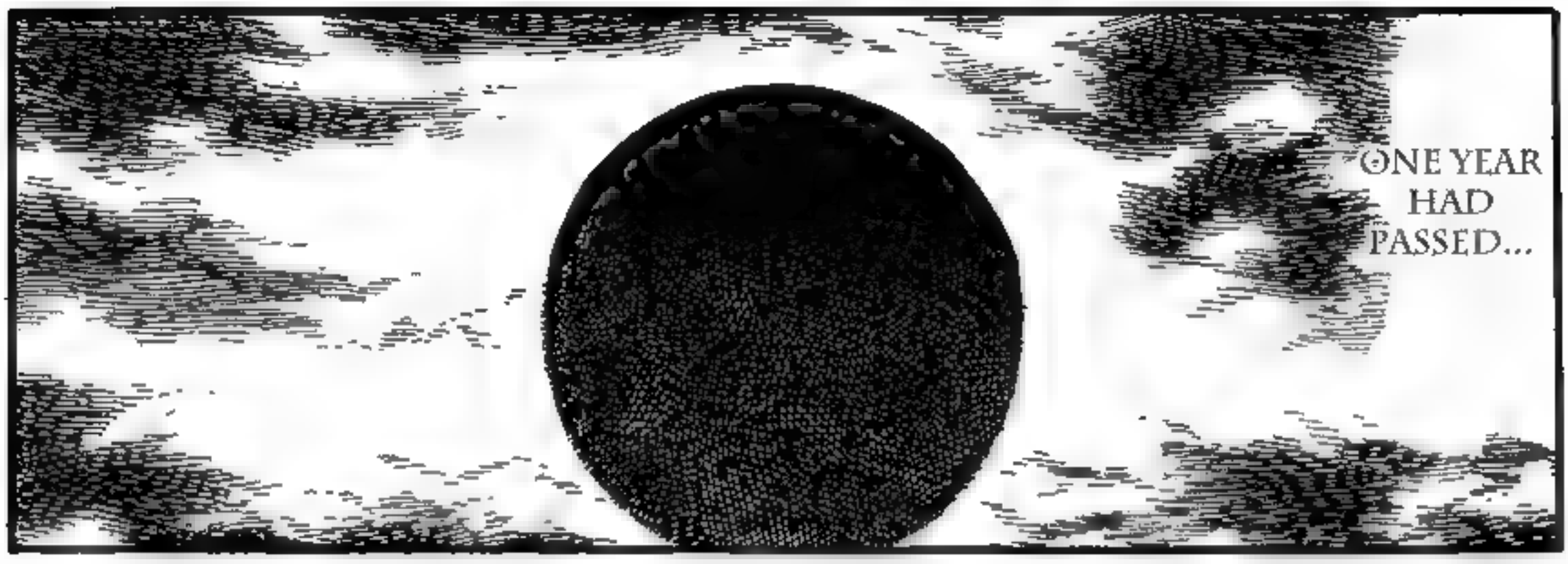
WHEN YOU WERE BORN, I PRESENTED JELME TO YISUGEI TO BE A SERVANT OF HIS NEWBORN SON. HOWEVER, JELME WAS STILL A CHILD SO YISUGEI POLITELY DECLINED. BUT NOW THAT HE'S GROWN INTO A FINE YOUNG MAN, I'VE COME TO PUT HIM IN YOUR SERVICE, TEMUCHIN.

WOULD IT BE ALRIGHT TO LEAVE MY SON IN YOUR CARE?

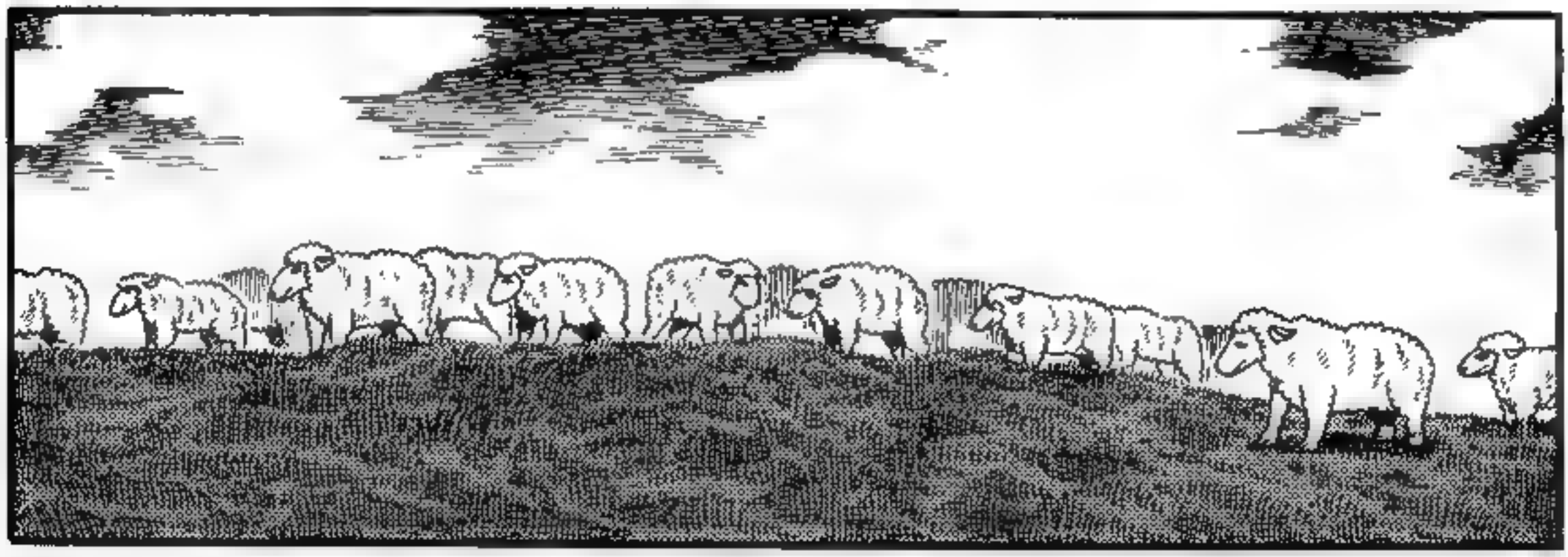
IS THAT SO? I'M AFRAID I WAS UNAWARE.

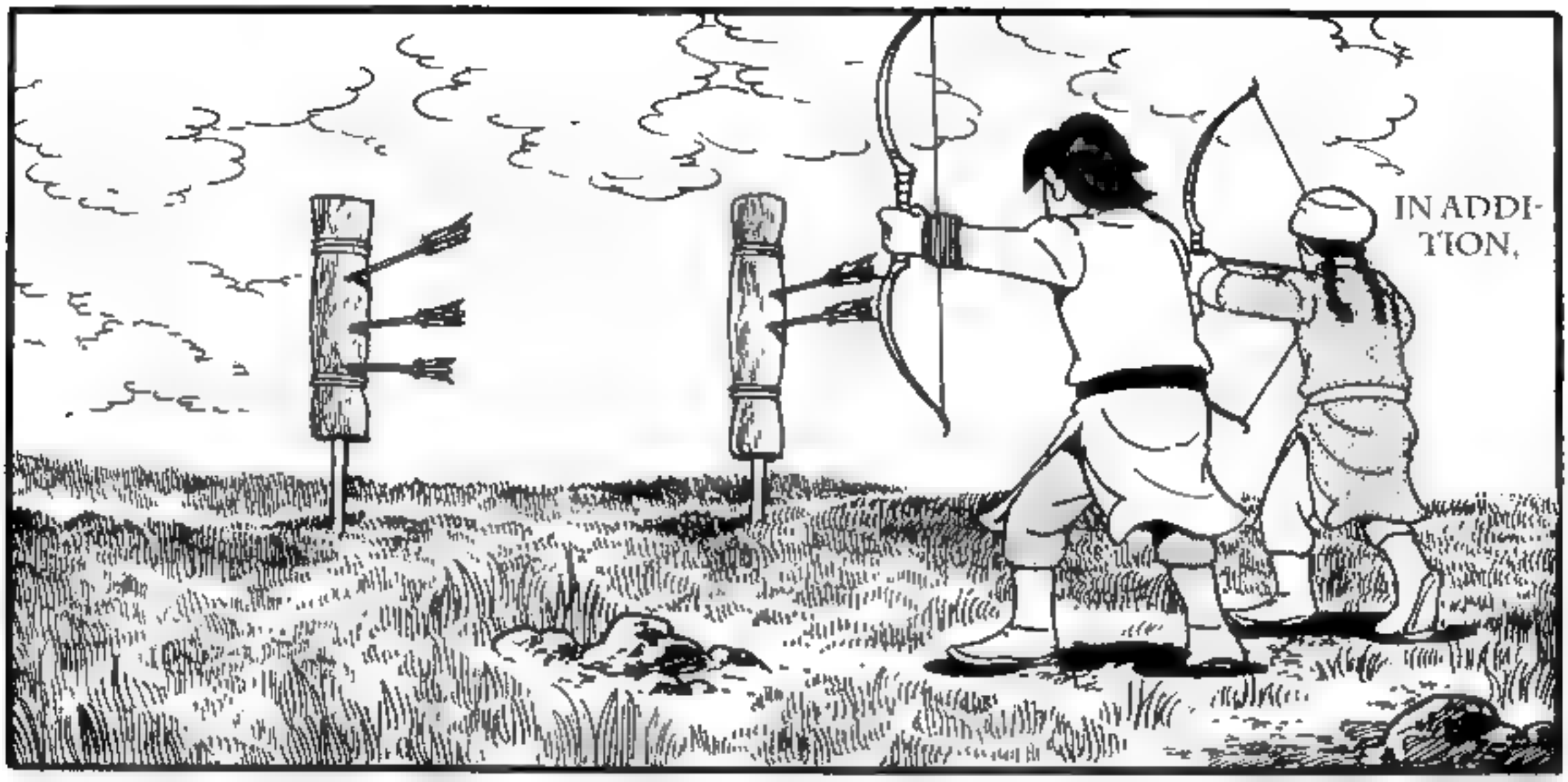

GREAT!
OF COURSE. HE WILL BE ONE OF MY TRIBESMEN FROM TODAY.


AND SO, TEMUCHIN GAINED ANOTHER FOLLOWER. HE AND BO'ORCHU WOULD GROW TO BE TEMUCHIN'S INDISPENSABLE COMPANIONS.


ONE YEAR HAD PASSED...

TEMUCHIN AND HIS FAMILY HAD WORKED HARD TO MULTIPLY THEIR LIVESTOCK, THE PRIMARY WEALTH FOR NOMADIC PASTORALISTS.

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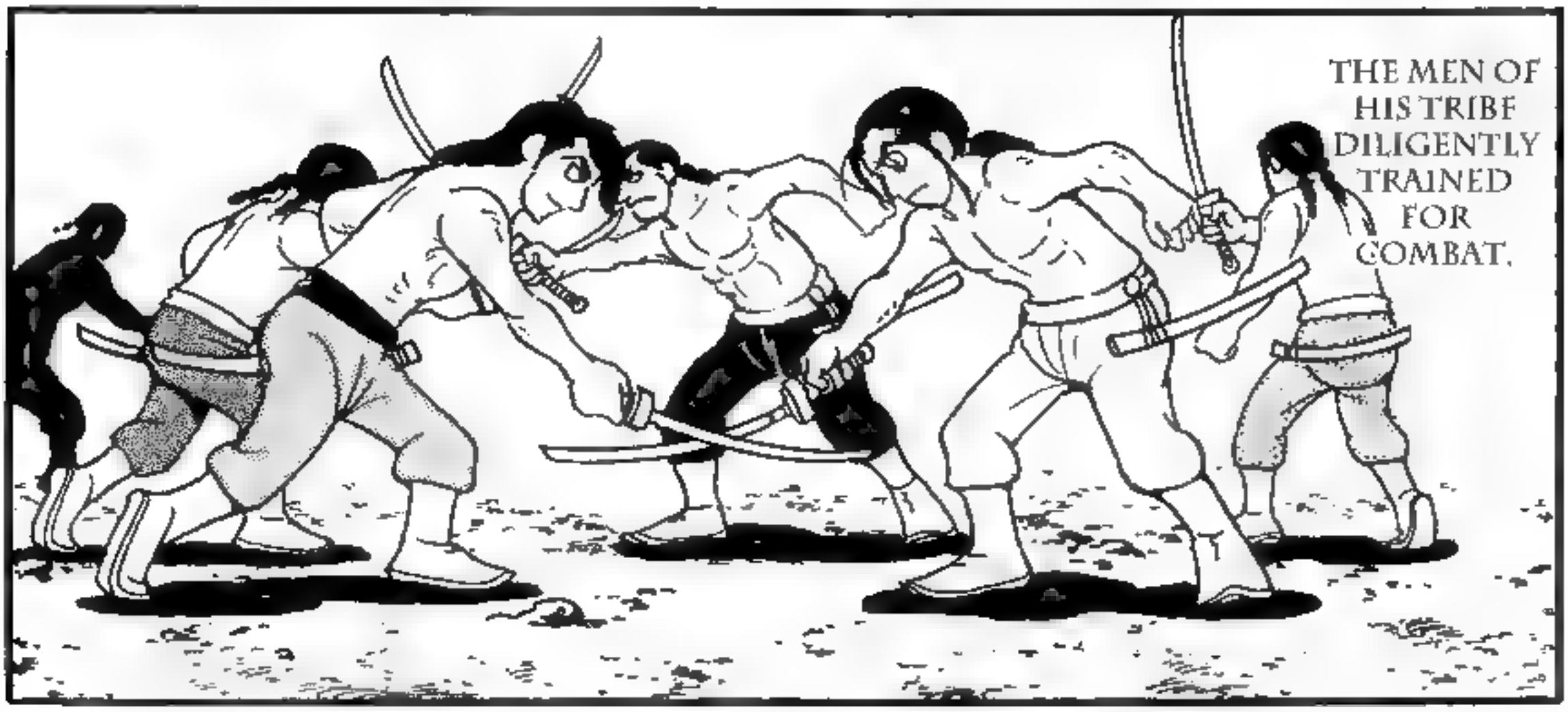
THE MEN OF
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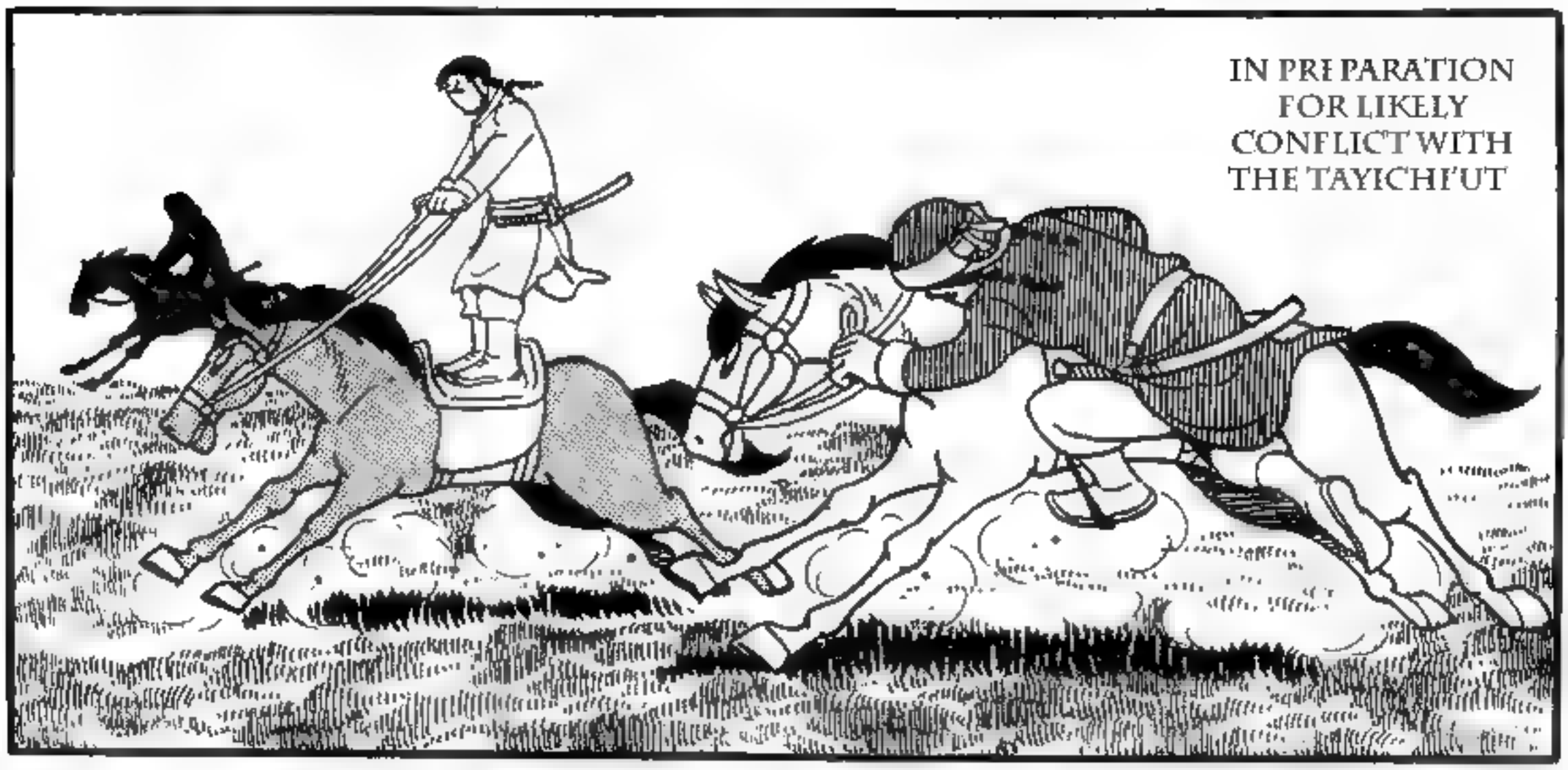
IN PREPARATION
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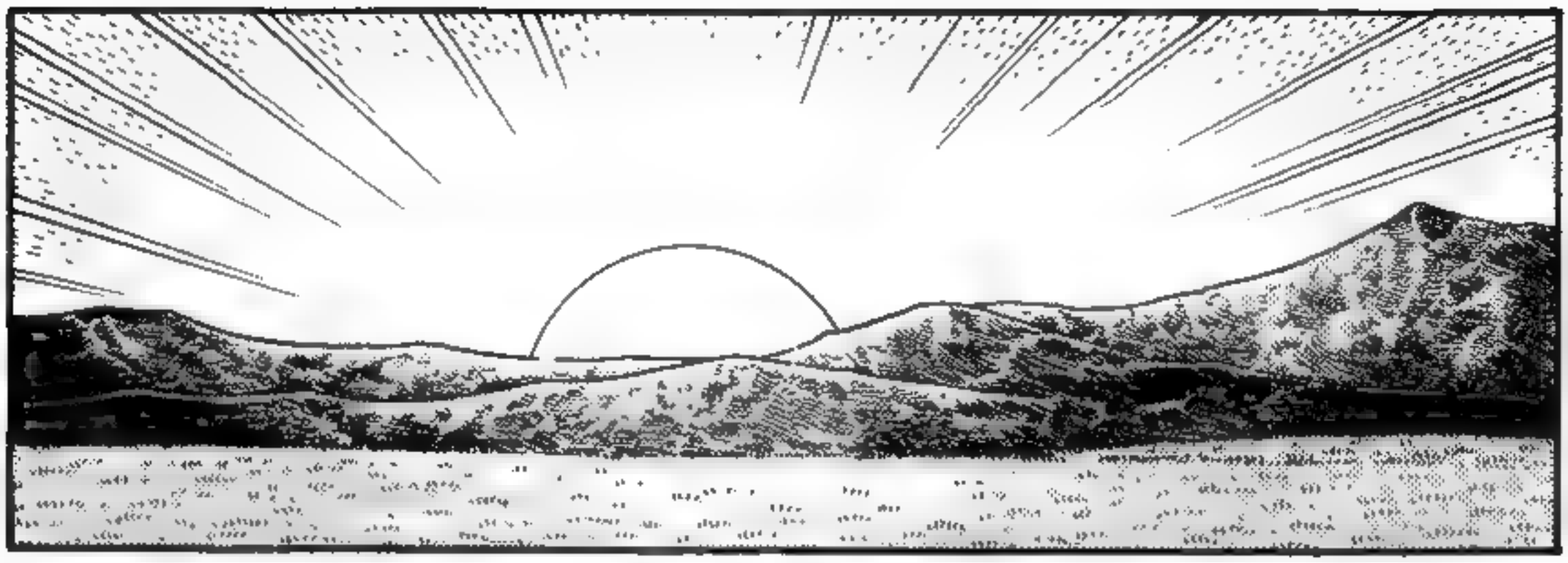
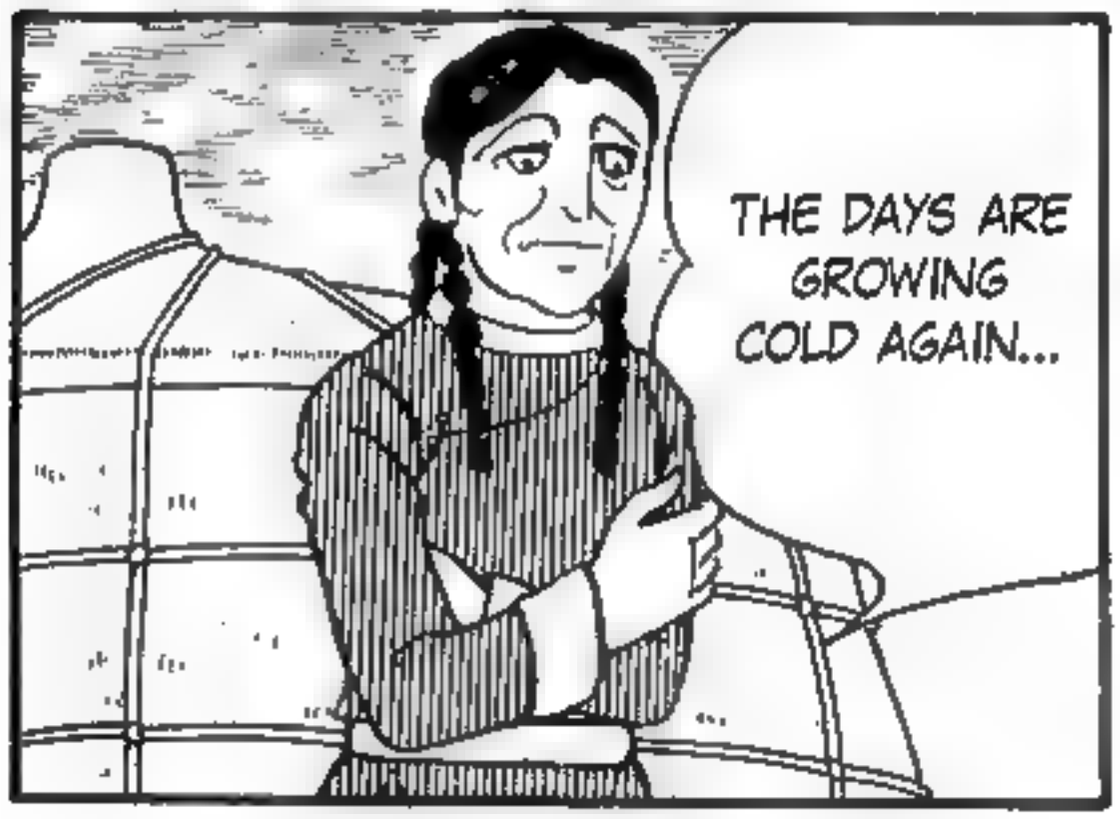
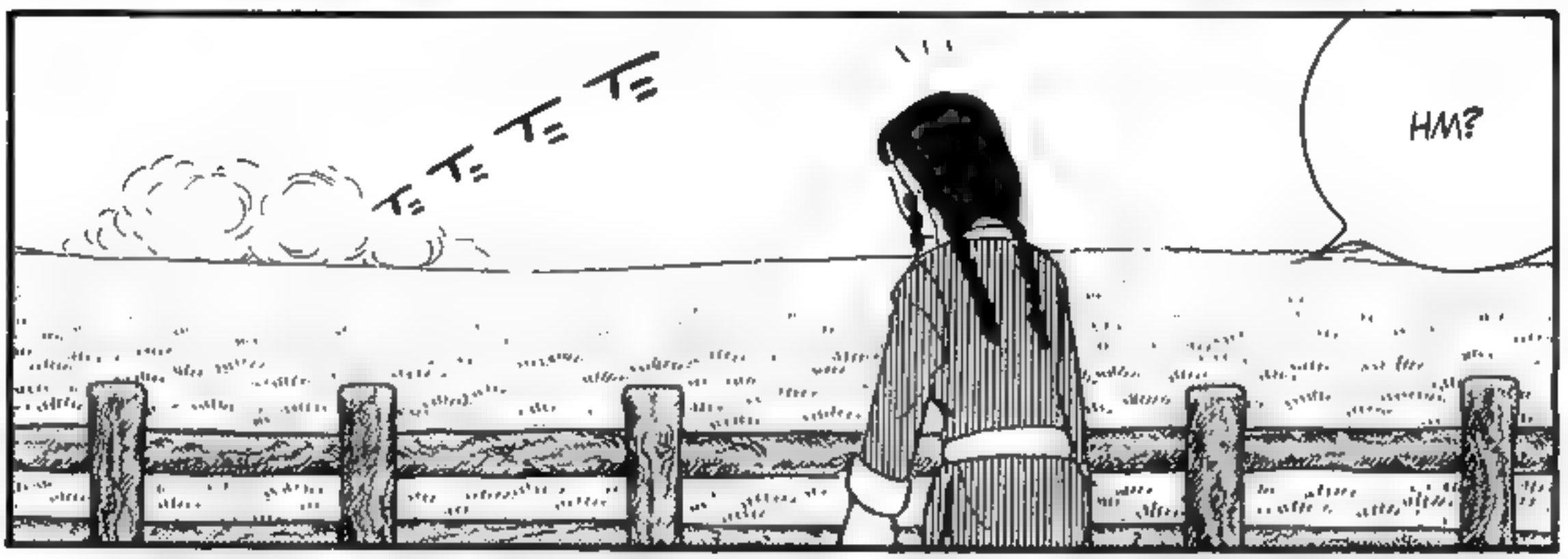



THE DAYS ARE GROWING COLD AGAIN...

YAWN...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HM?

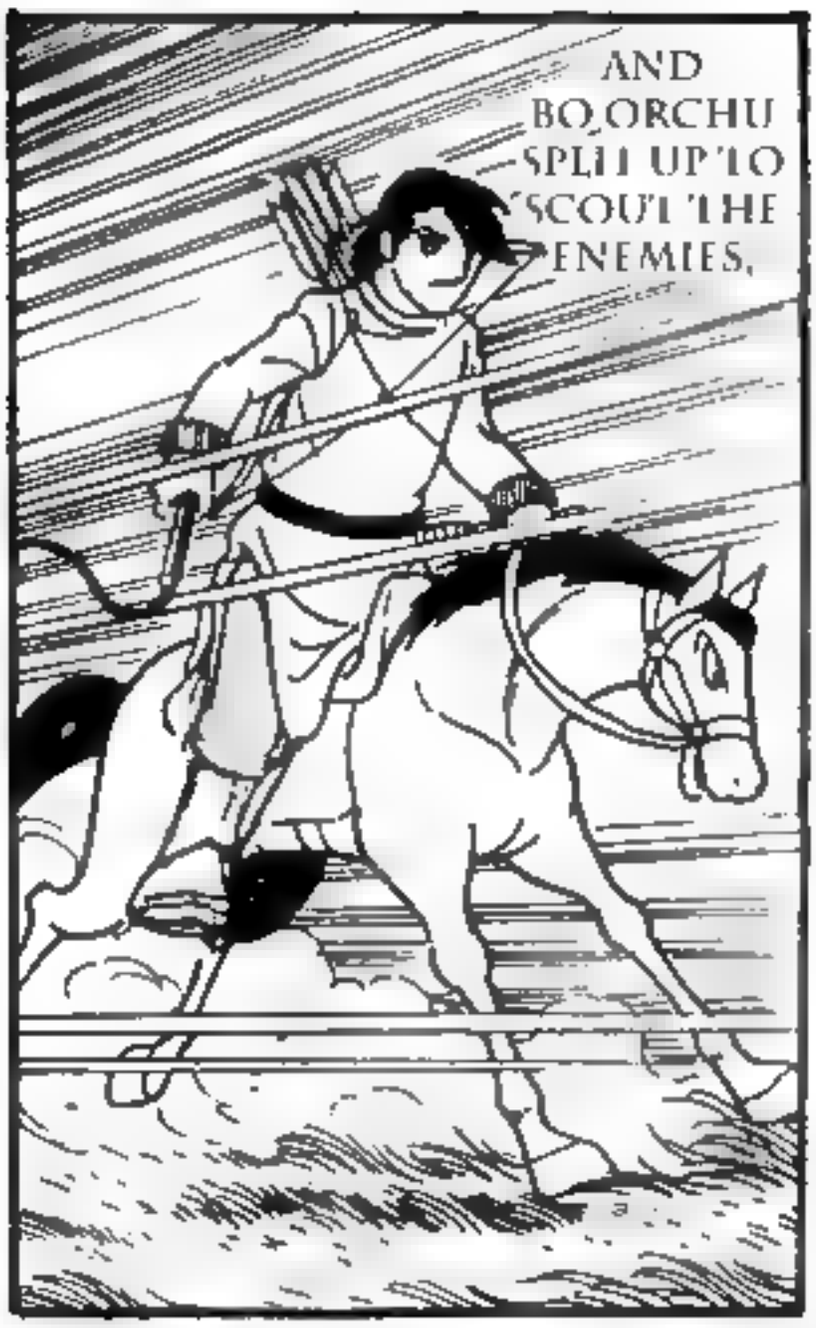
EVERYONE, WAKE UP! I HEAR HOOF STEPS!

THOSE ARE HORSES!

IT COULD BE A TAYICHI'UT RAID! HAVE ALL THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN FLEE TO THE BURKHAN KHALDUN MOUNTAINS!

BO'ORCHU! KASAR! BELGUTEI! YOU THREE GO SCOUT OUT WHO THOSE HORSEMEN ARE AND HOW MANY THEY NUMBER! JELME! YOU GO LEAD THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN SAFELY TO THE MOUNTAINS!

YES!


AND
BOORCHU
SPLIT UP TO
SCOUT THE
ENEMIES,

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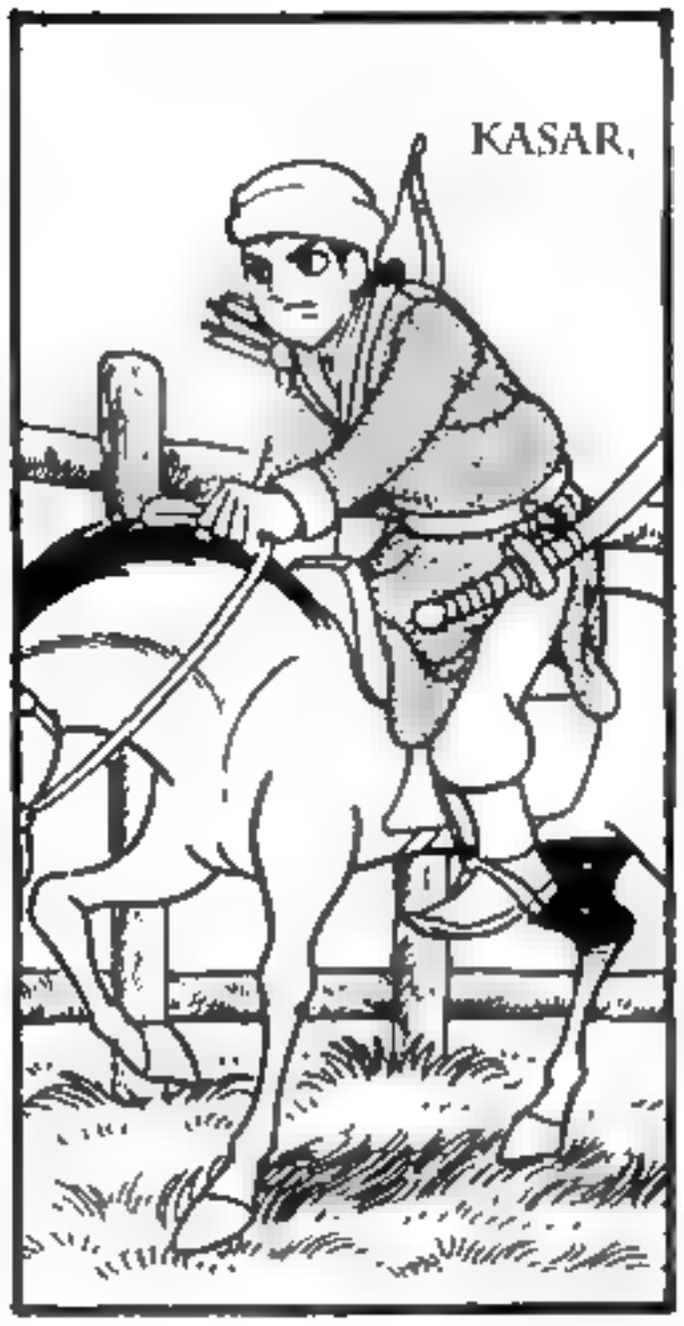
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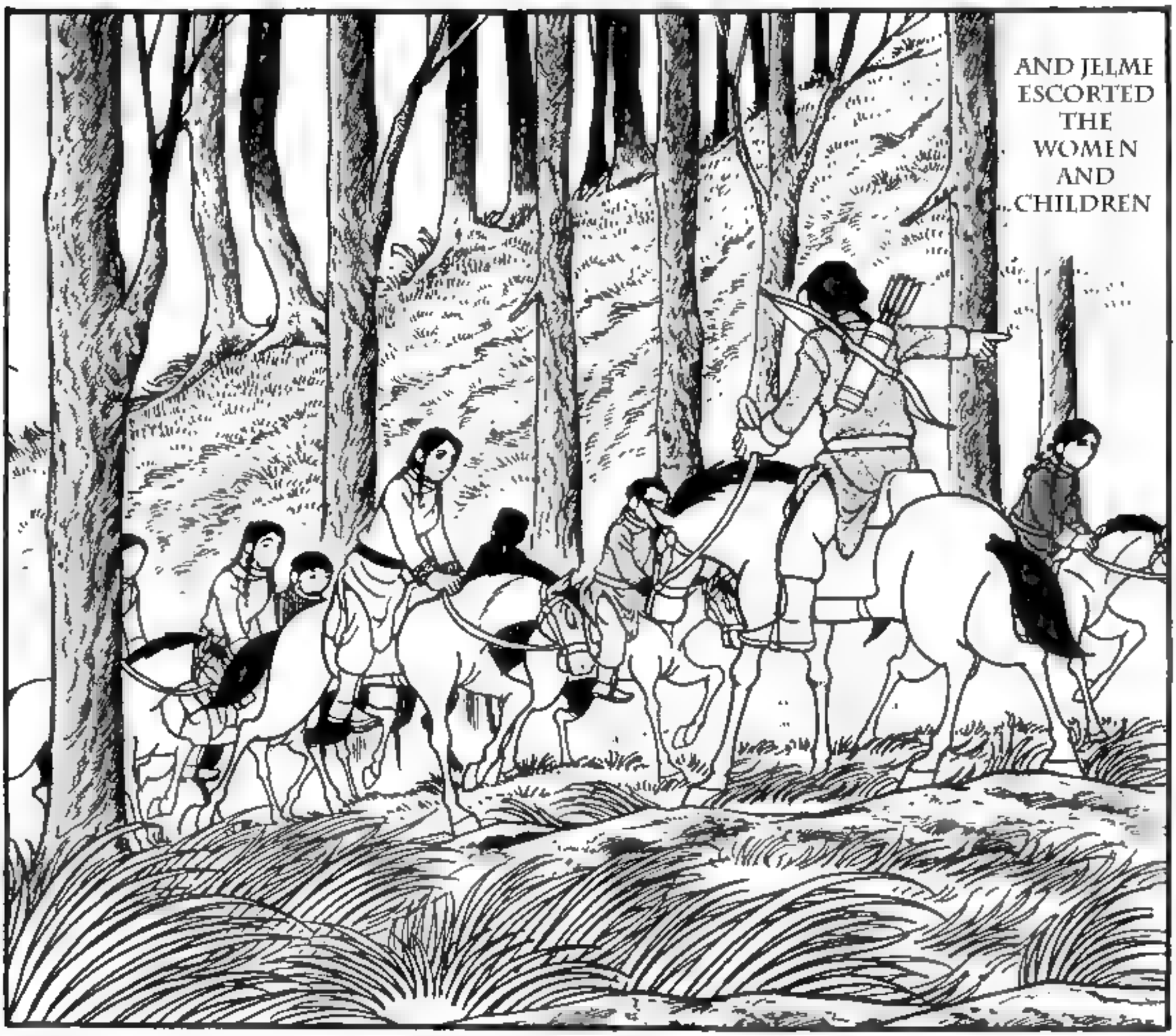

AND JELME
ESCORTED
THE
WOMEN
AND
CHILDREN

MILADY!? YOU'RE STILL HERE?

WHAT DO I DO!? ALL THE HORSES HAVE BEEN TAKEN!

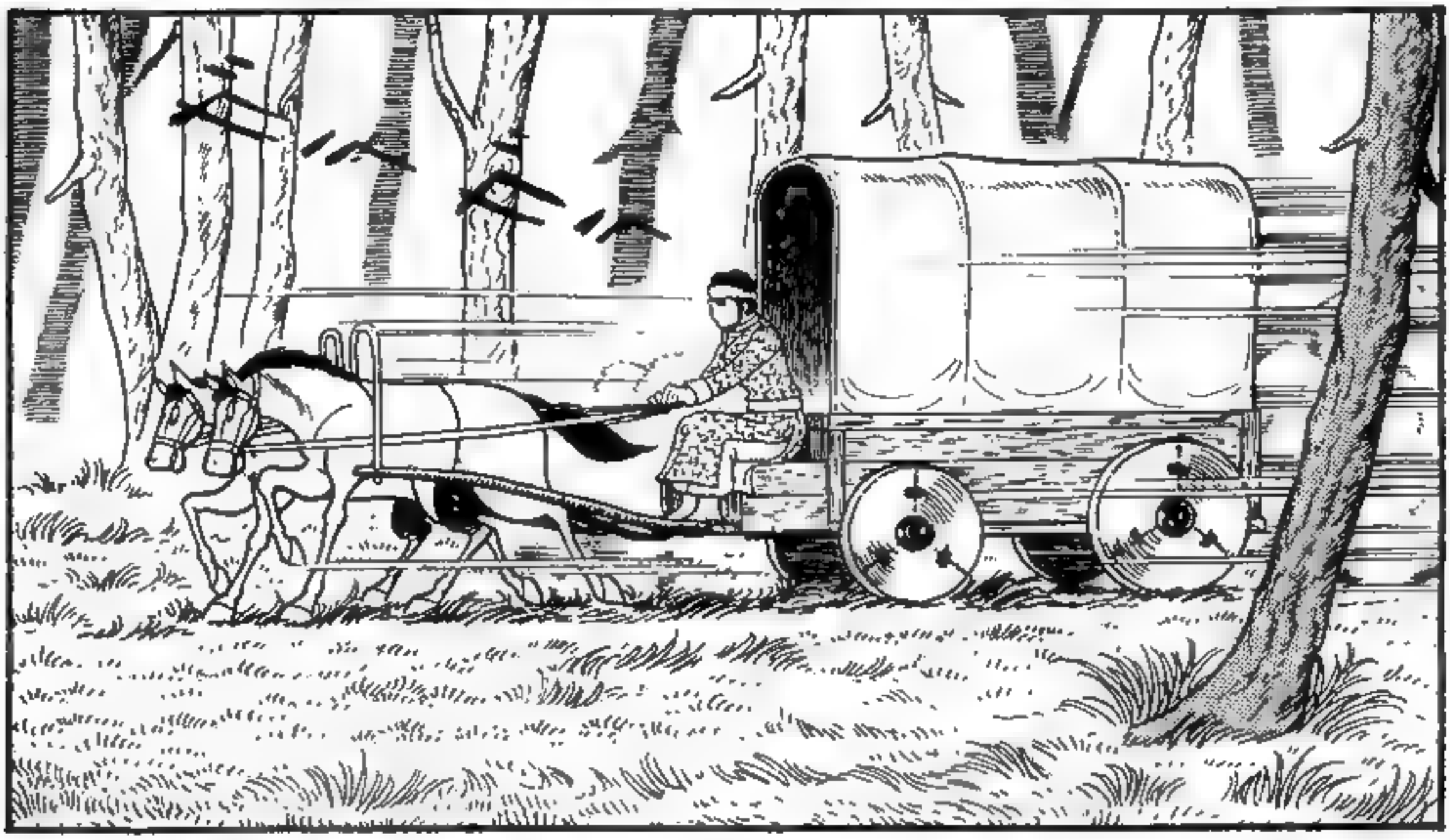
THIS WAY.

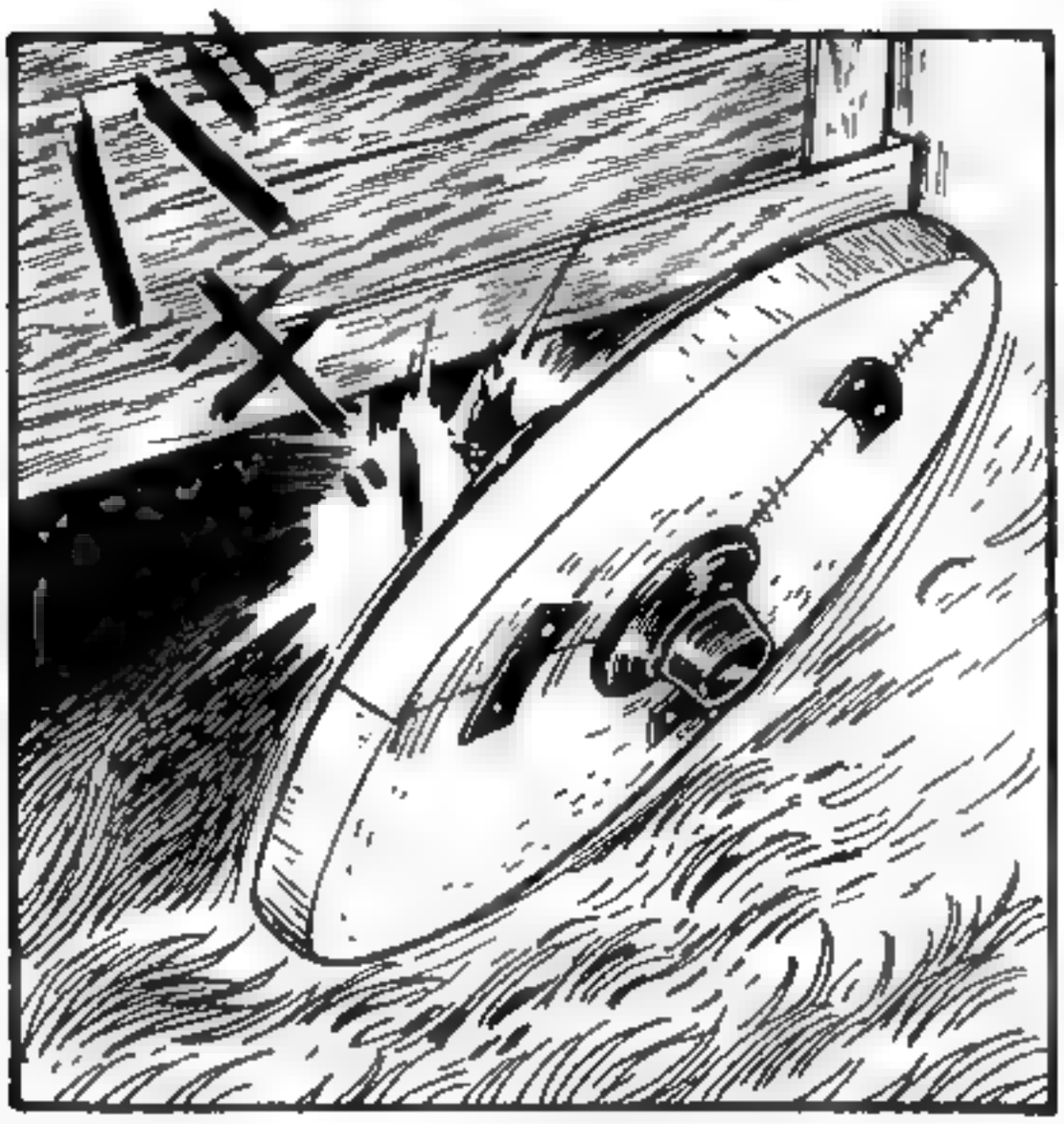
ALRIGHT THEN.

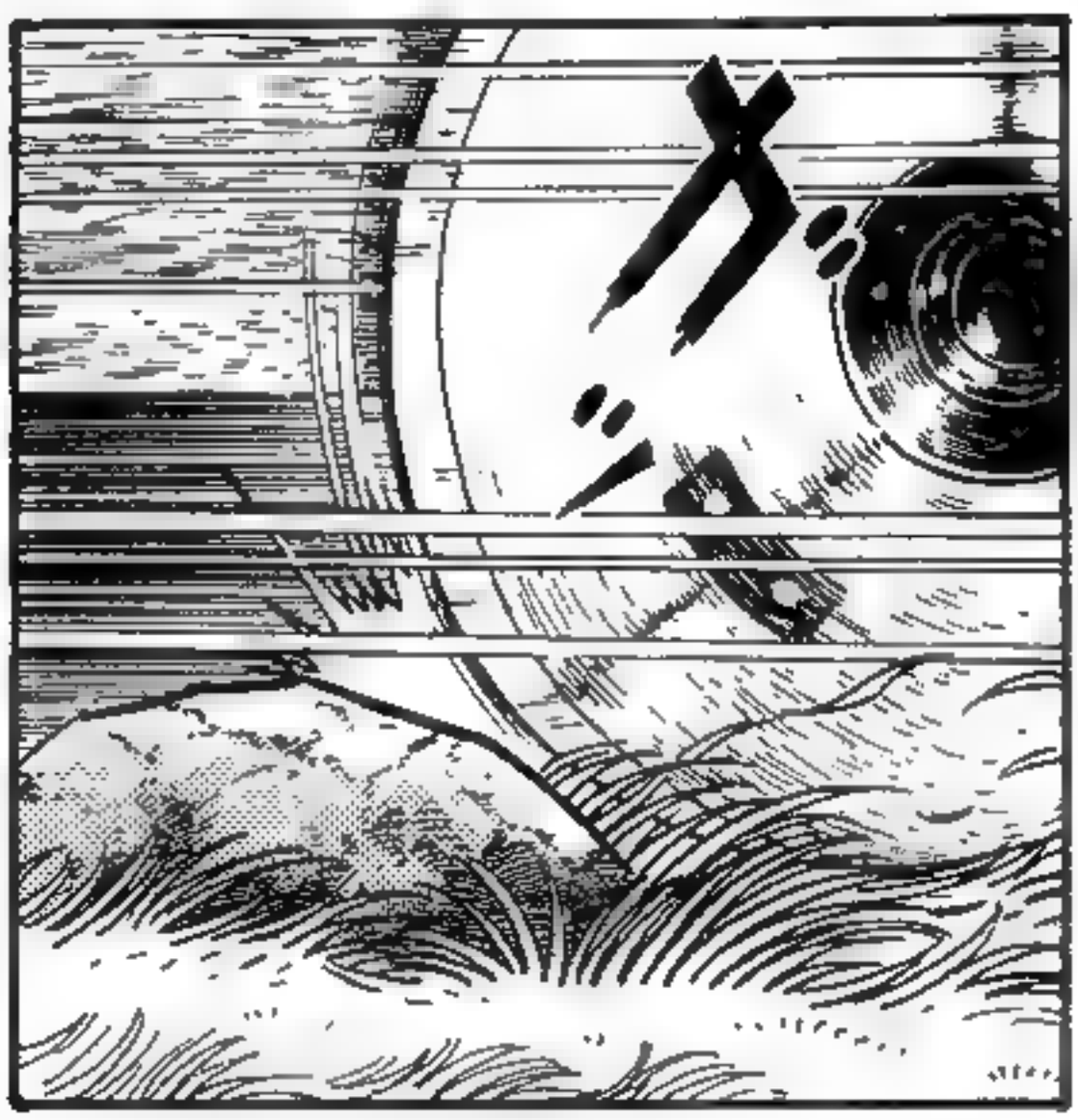
WE'LL HAVE TO TRY TO ESCAPE BY THE WAGON.

PLEASE SIT INSIDE, MILADY.

GIDDY-
UP!







I... I'M ONE OF TEMUCHIN'S SERVANTS.

HALT! WHO ARE YOU!?

RIGHT.

CHECK INSIDE THE WAGON.

HM?

NO! MILADY!

THERE'S A YOUNG WOMAN INSIDE!

MILADY?

AH, YES! SHE MUST BE TEMUCHIN'S ONGIRRAT WIFE!

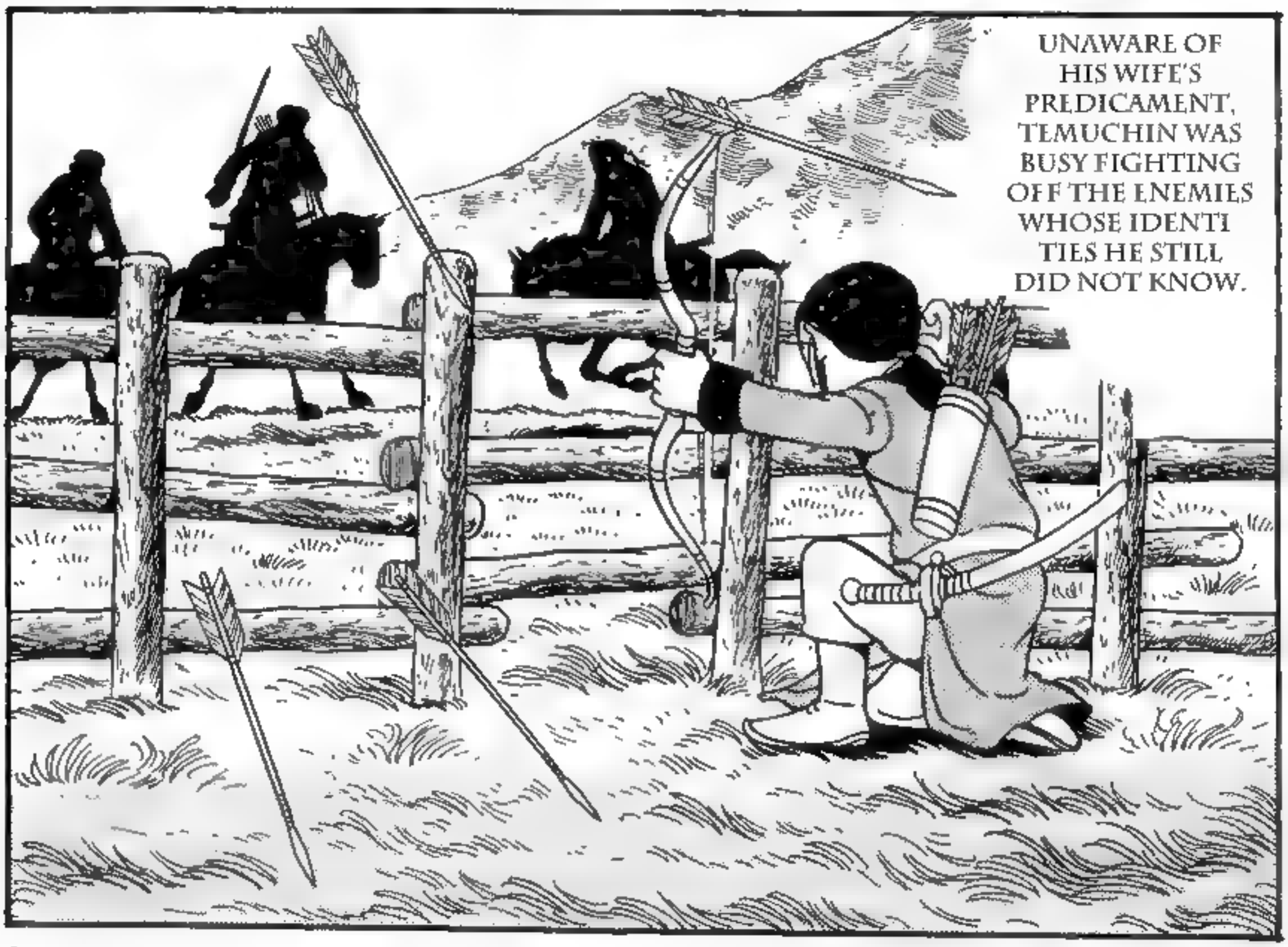
YES, THAT WOULD EXPLAIN HER FANCY CLOTHES. I DON'T THINK TEMUCHIN HAS ANY CHILDREN YET...

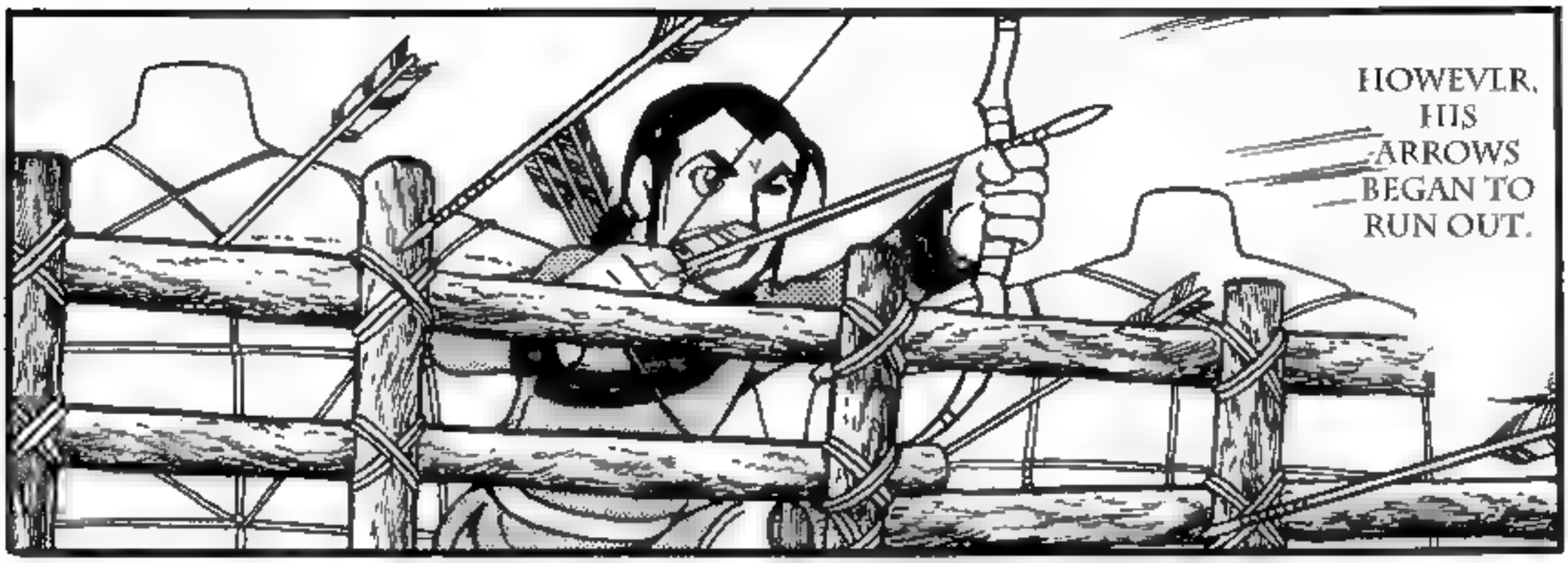
20 YEARS AGO, YISUGEI STOLE MY WIFE HÖ'ELUN! NOT FOR A SINGLE MOMENT IN THE PAST TWO DECADES, HAVE I FORGOTTEN THE SHAME AND ANGUISH HE CAUSED ME ON THAT DAY.

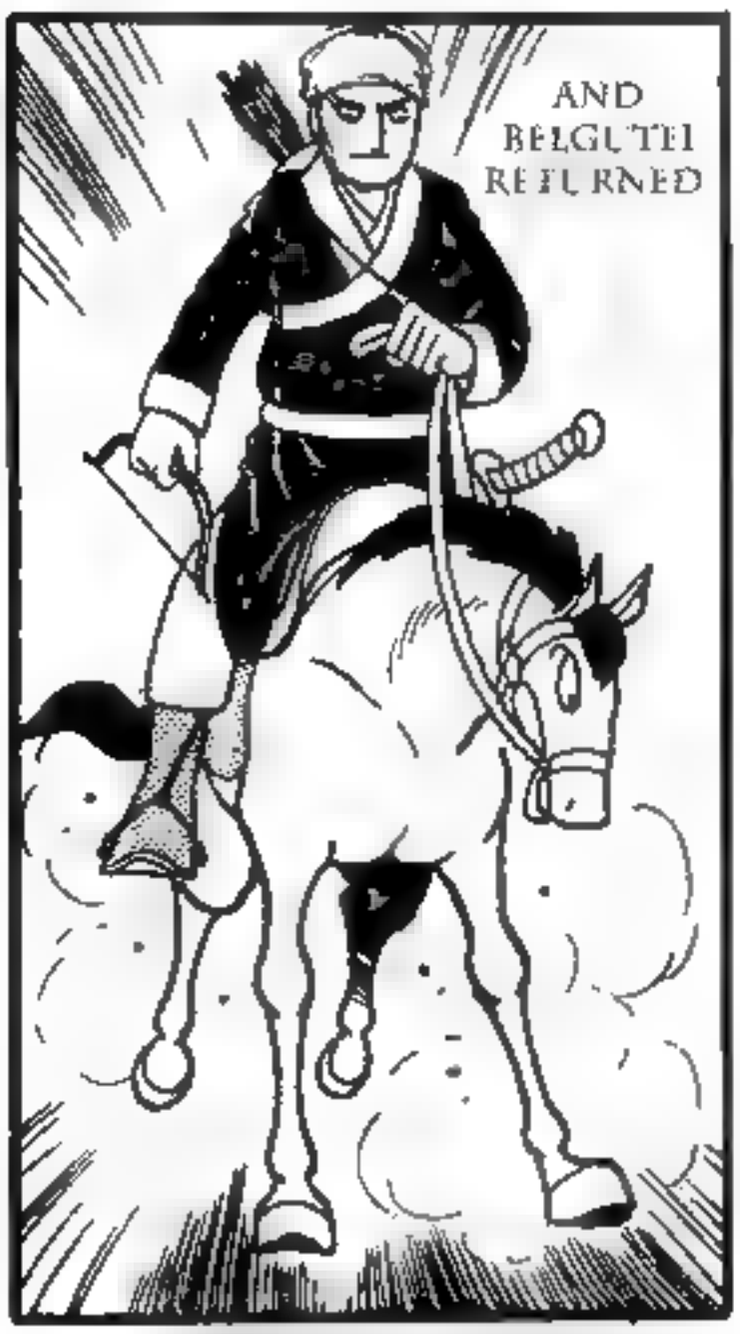
ALRIGHT, LET'S TAKE HER WITH US.

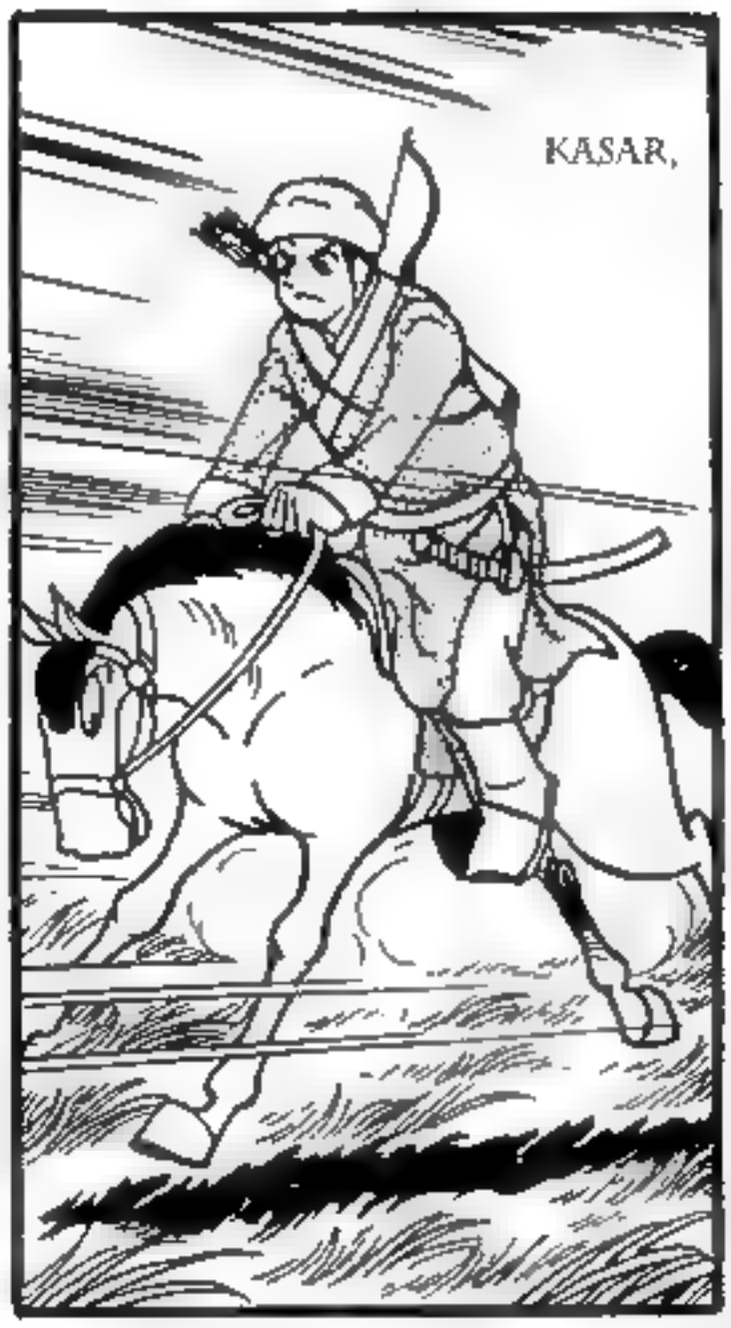
BUT NOW THAT I HAVE HIS SON'S WIFE, I SUPPOSE I'VE FULFILLED HALF MY REVENGE.

NOW, LET'S GO KILL YISUGEI'S SON TO COMPLETE MY REVENGE!


UNAWARE OF HIS WIFE'S PREDICAMENT, TEMUCHIN WAS BUSY FIGHTING OFF THE ENEMIES WHOSE IDENTI TIES HE STILL DID NOT KNOW.


HOWEVER, HIS ARROWS BEGAN TO RUN OUT.


AND BELGUTEI RETURNED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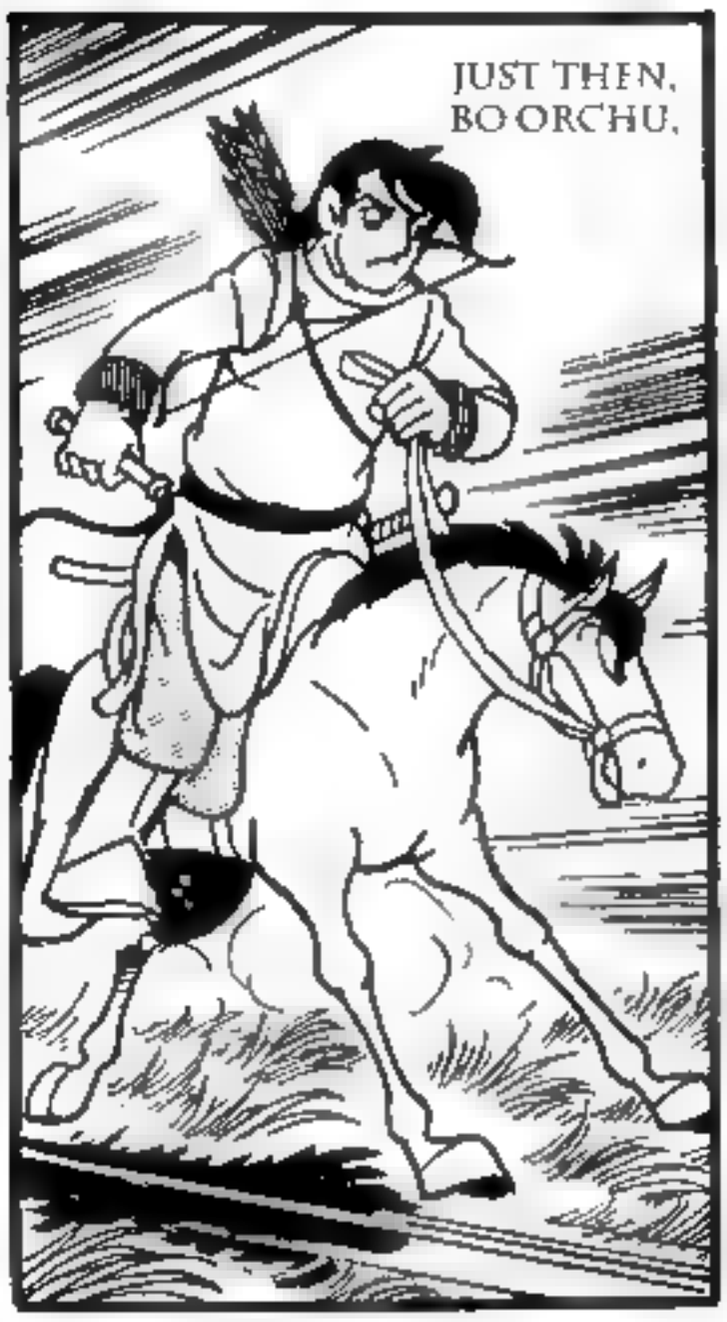
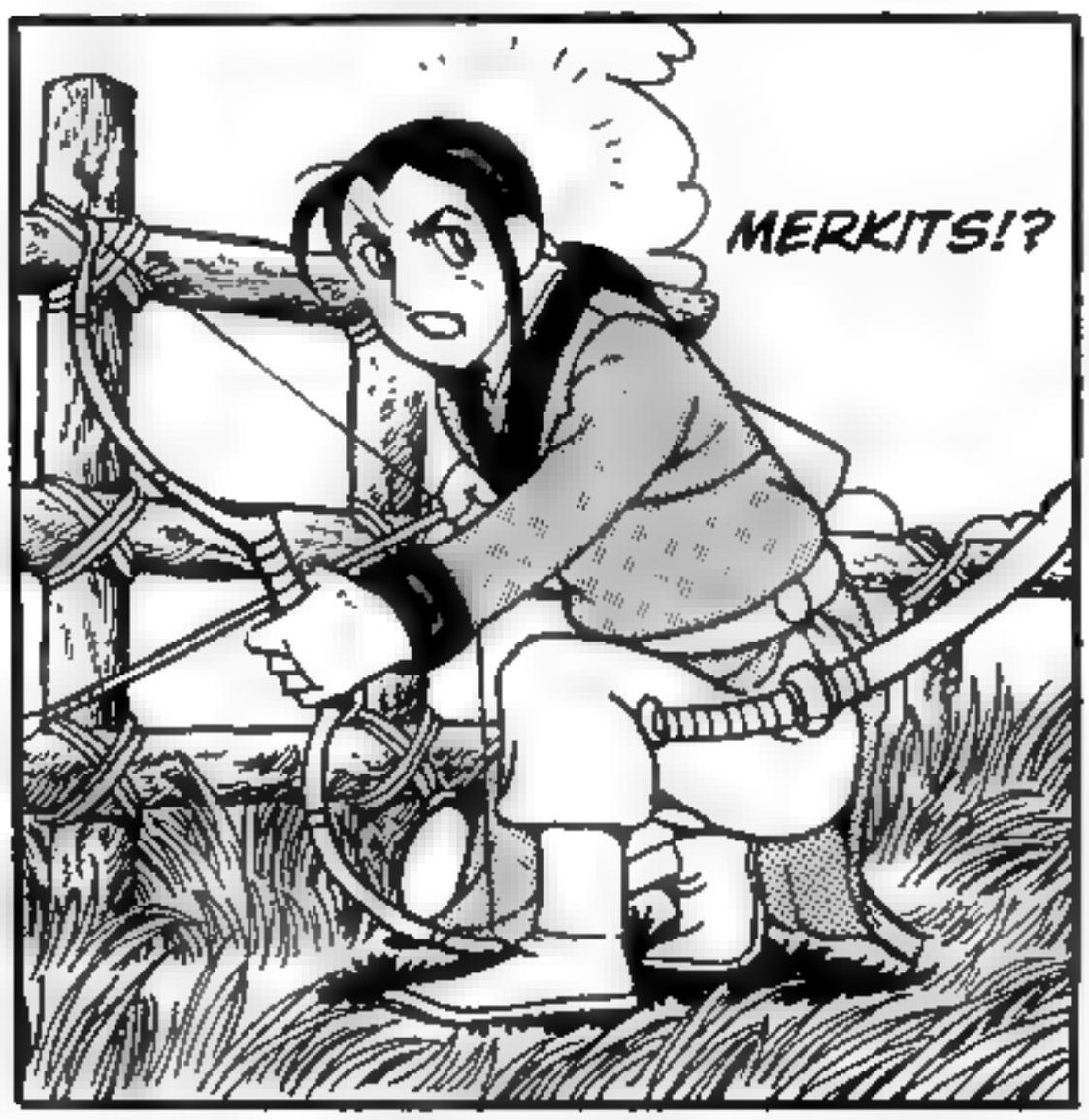
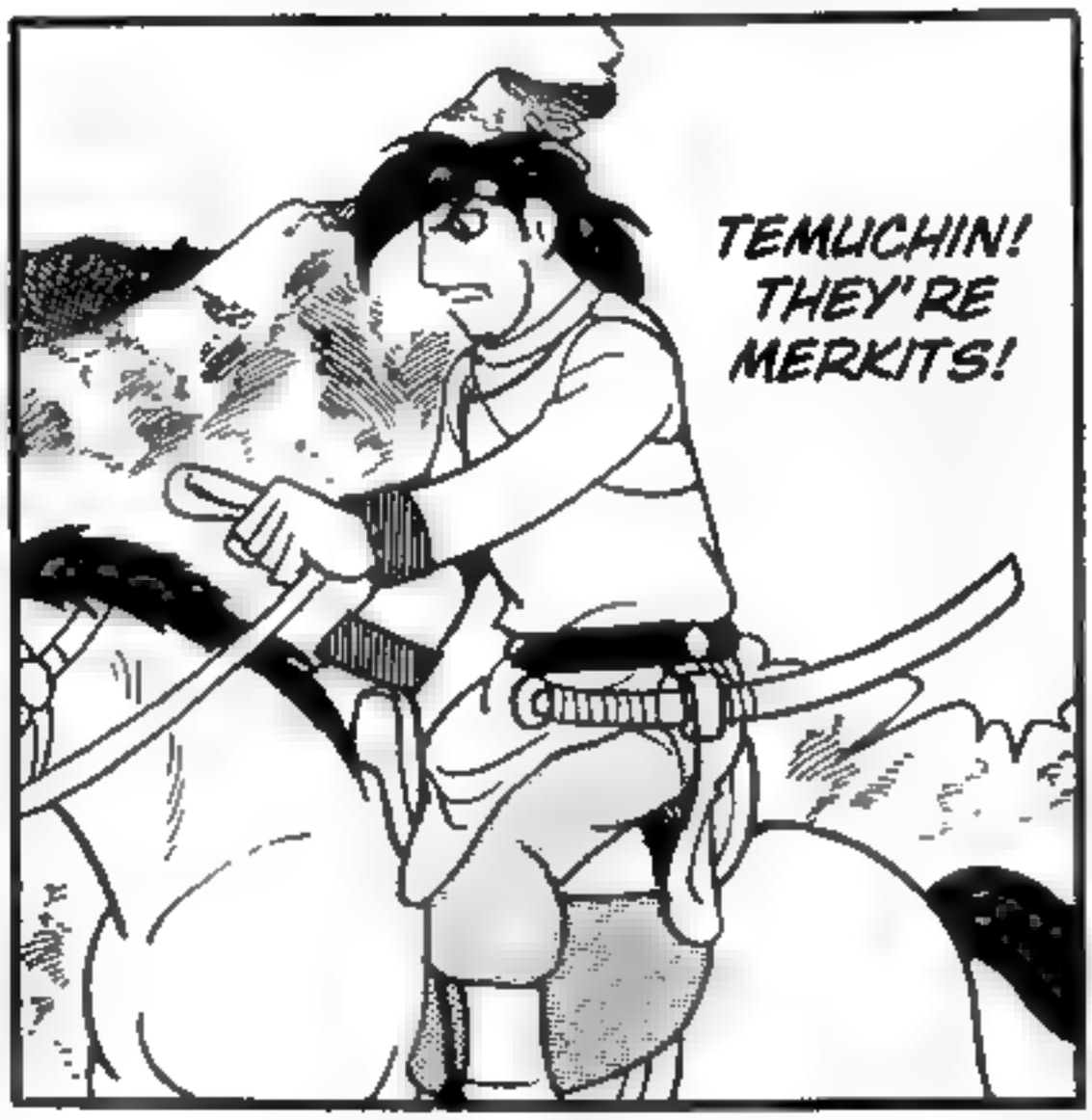
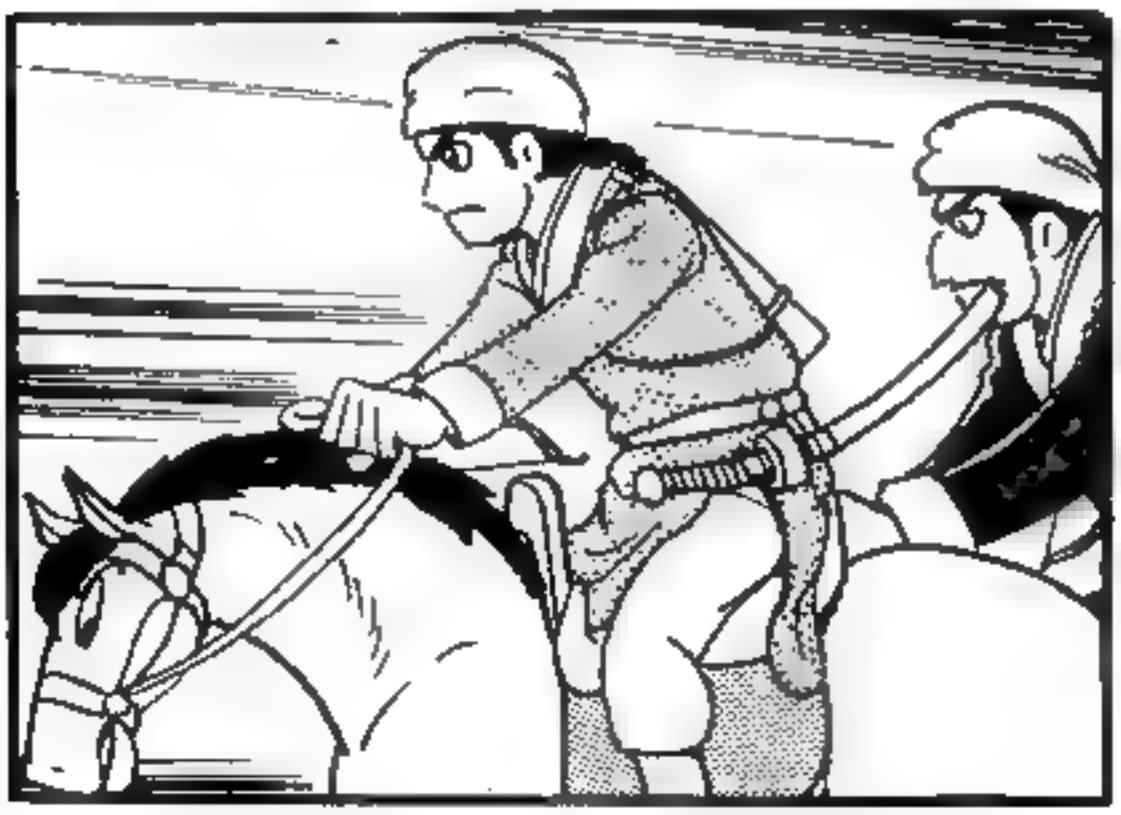

JUST THEN, BO ORCHU,

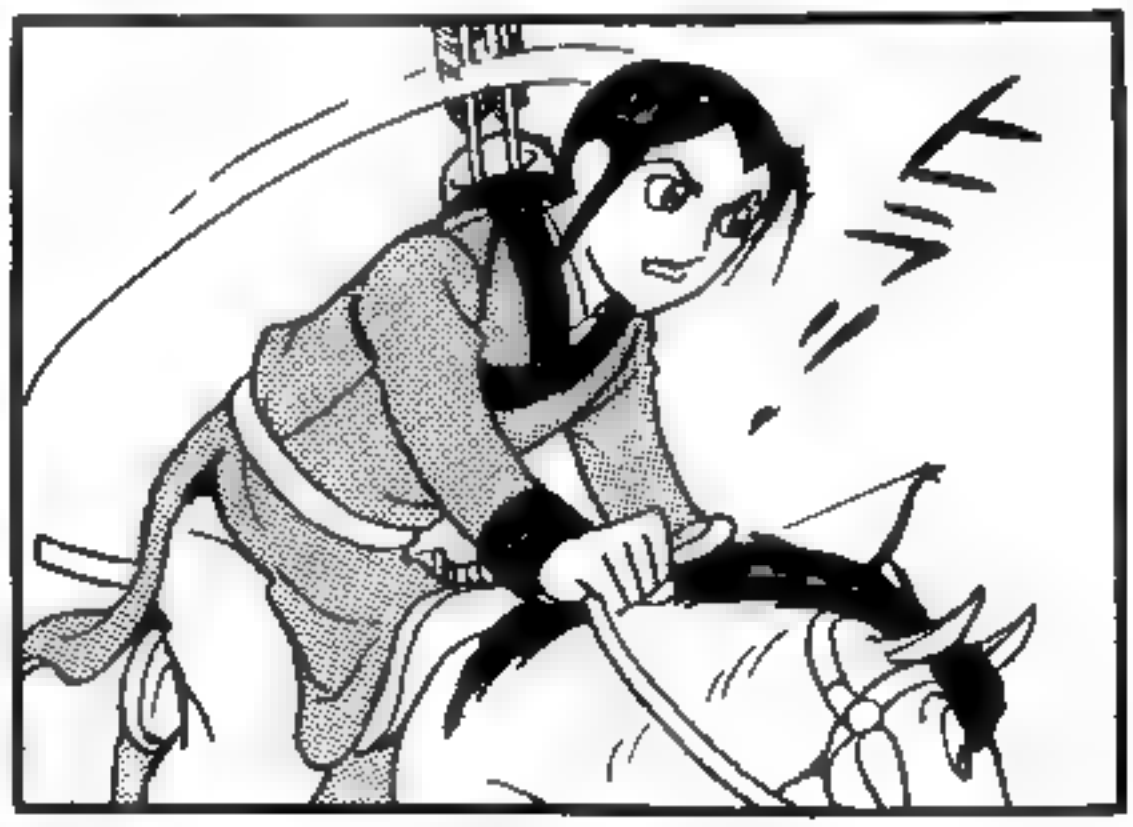

MERKITS!?

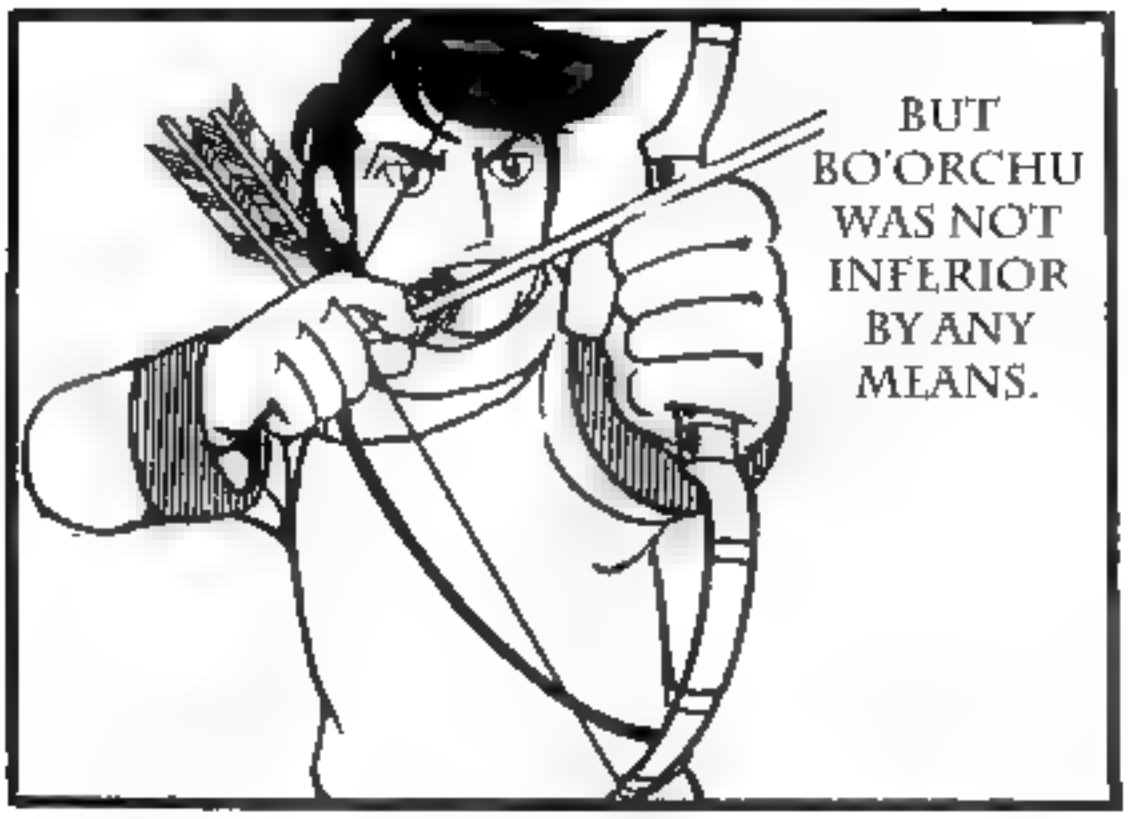

TEMUCHIN! THEY'RE MERKITS!

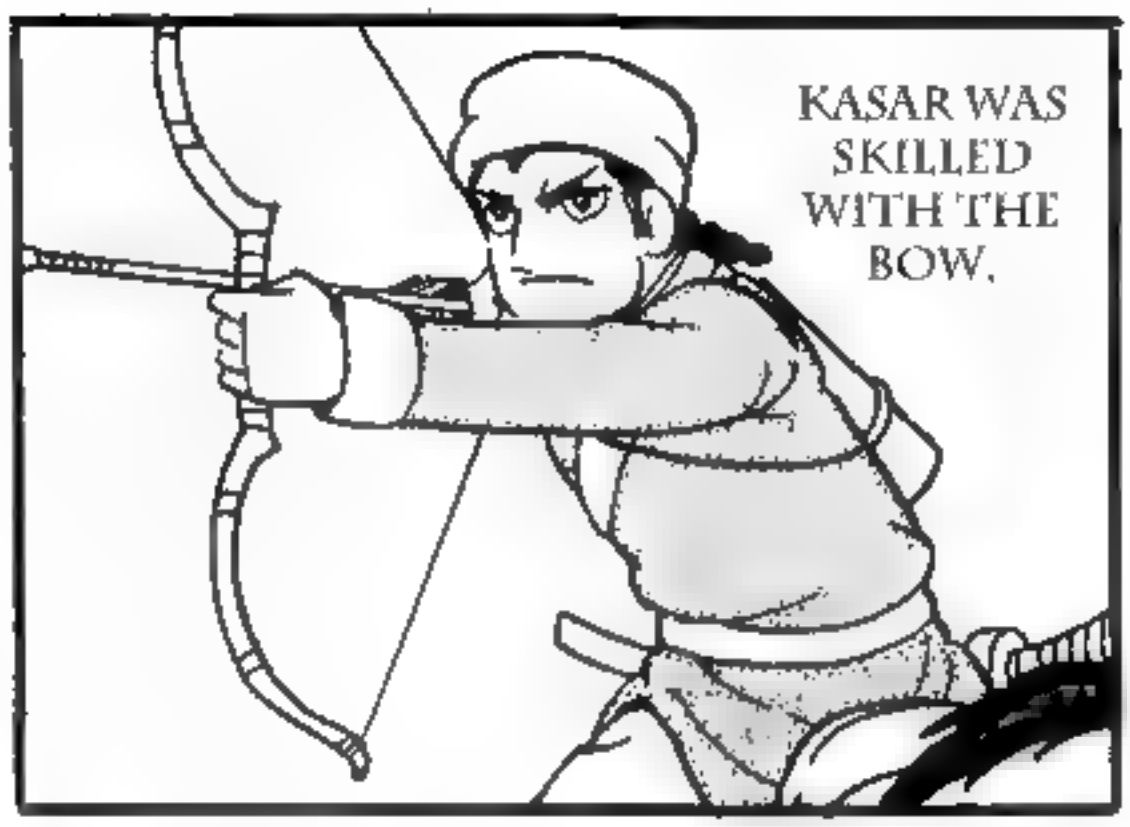
ALRIGHT! THEN LET'S ALL FLEE TO THE MOUN-TAINS TOO!

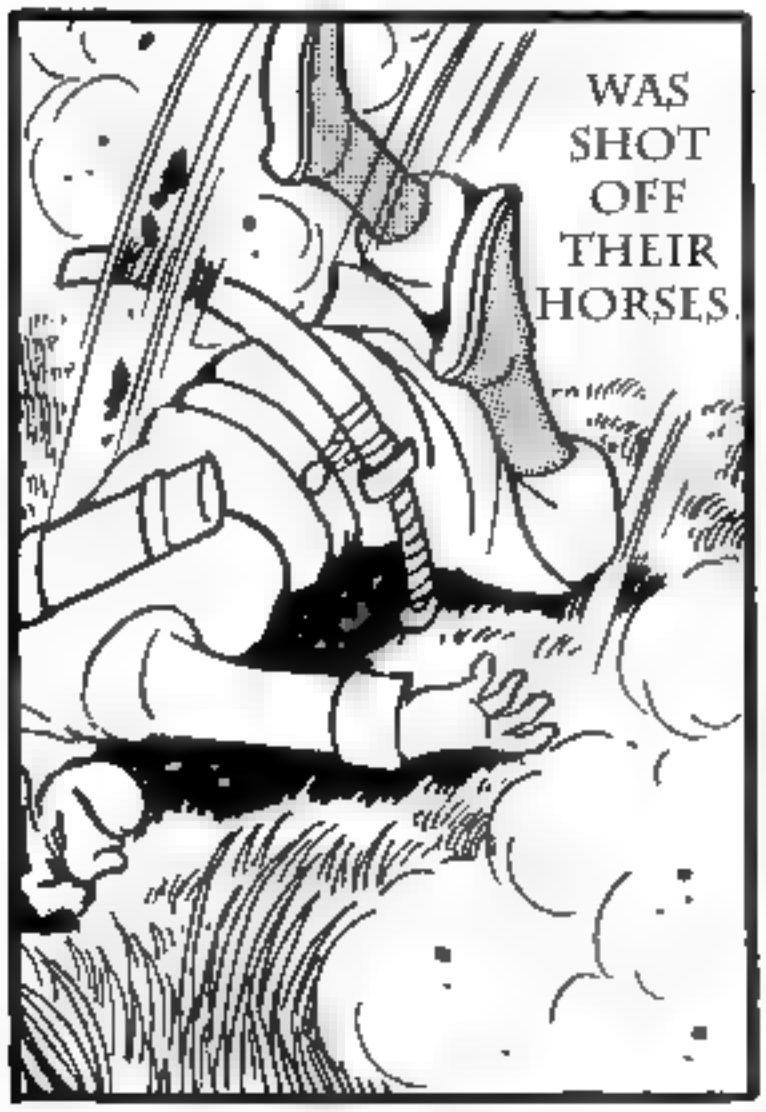
AND THEY NUMBER 60-70 MEN!






BUT BO'ORCHU WAS NOT INFERIOR BY ANY MEANS.


KASAR WAS SKILLED WITH THE BOW.


WAS SHOT OFF THEIR HORSES.

AFTER PURSUER.

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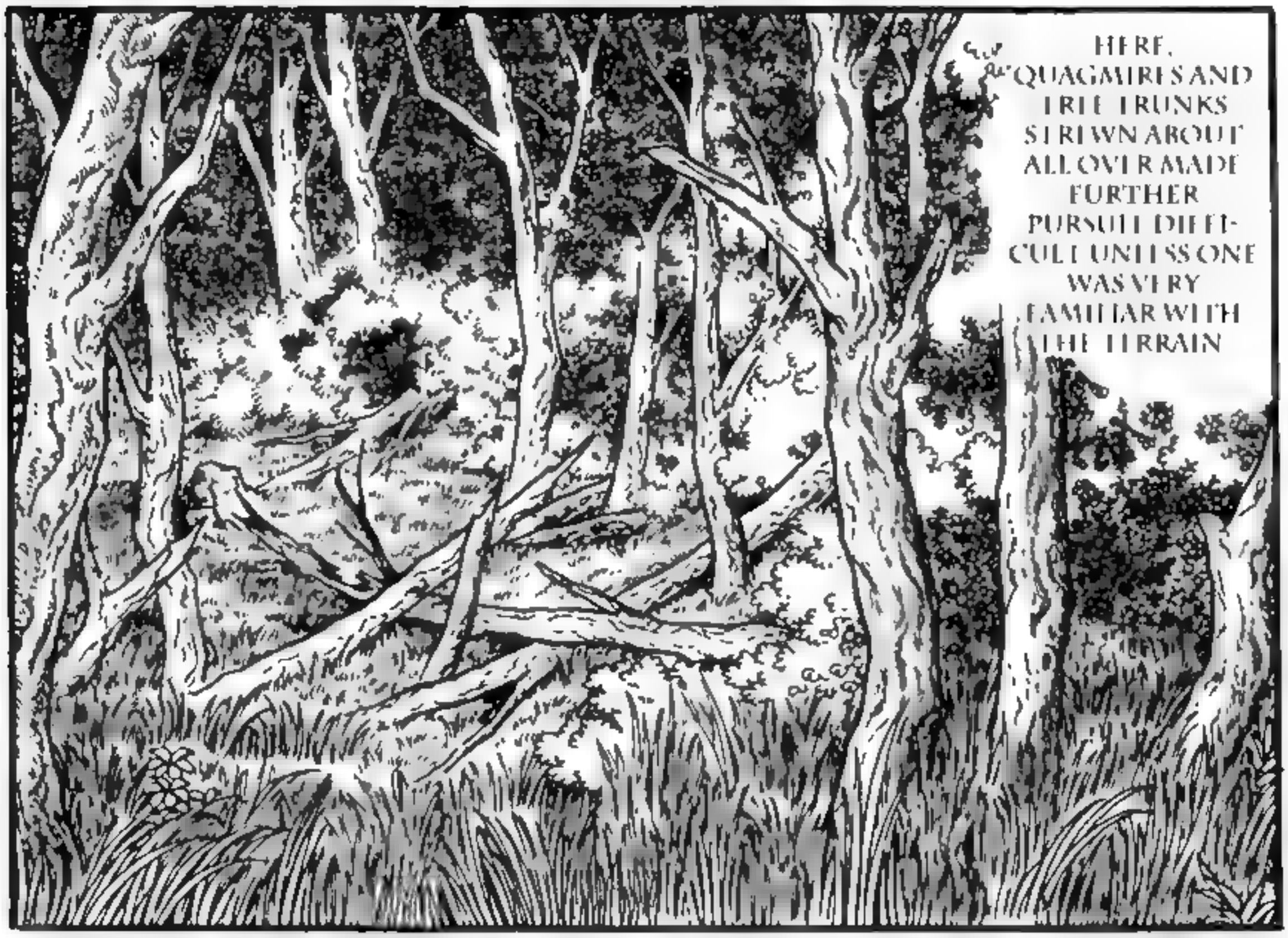
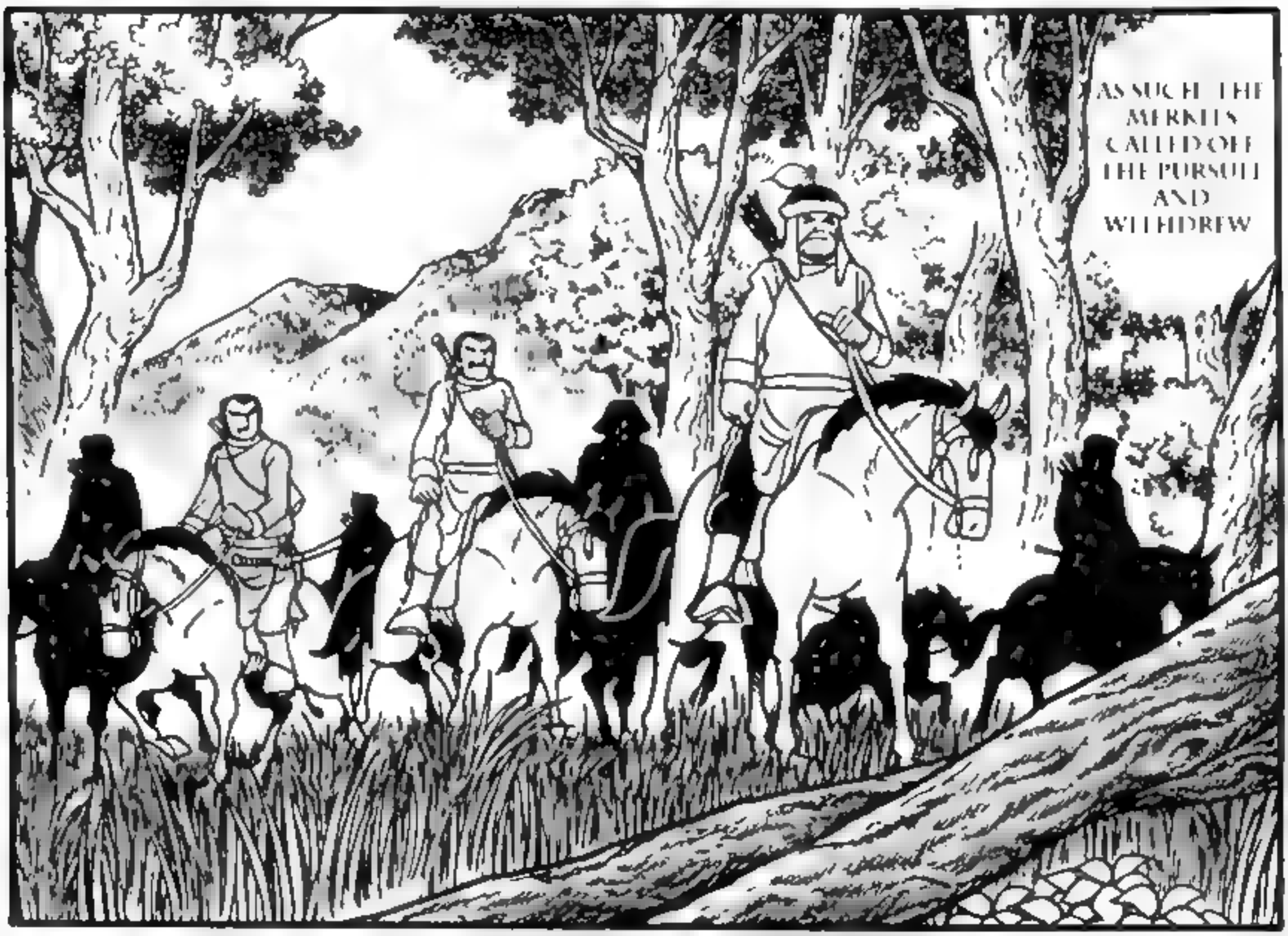
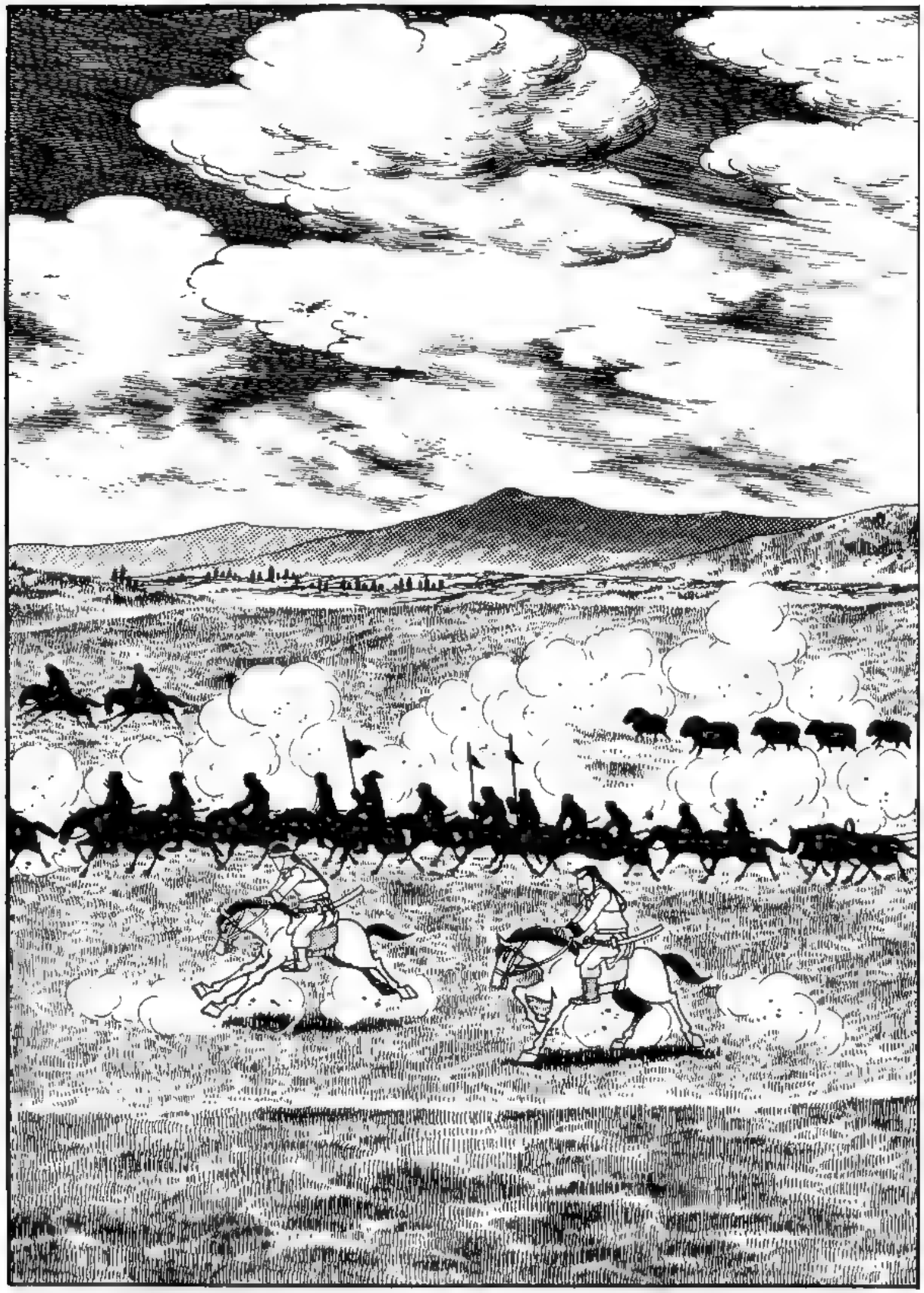
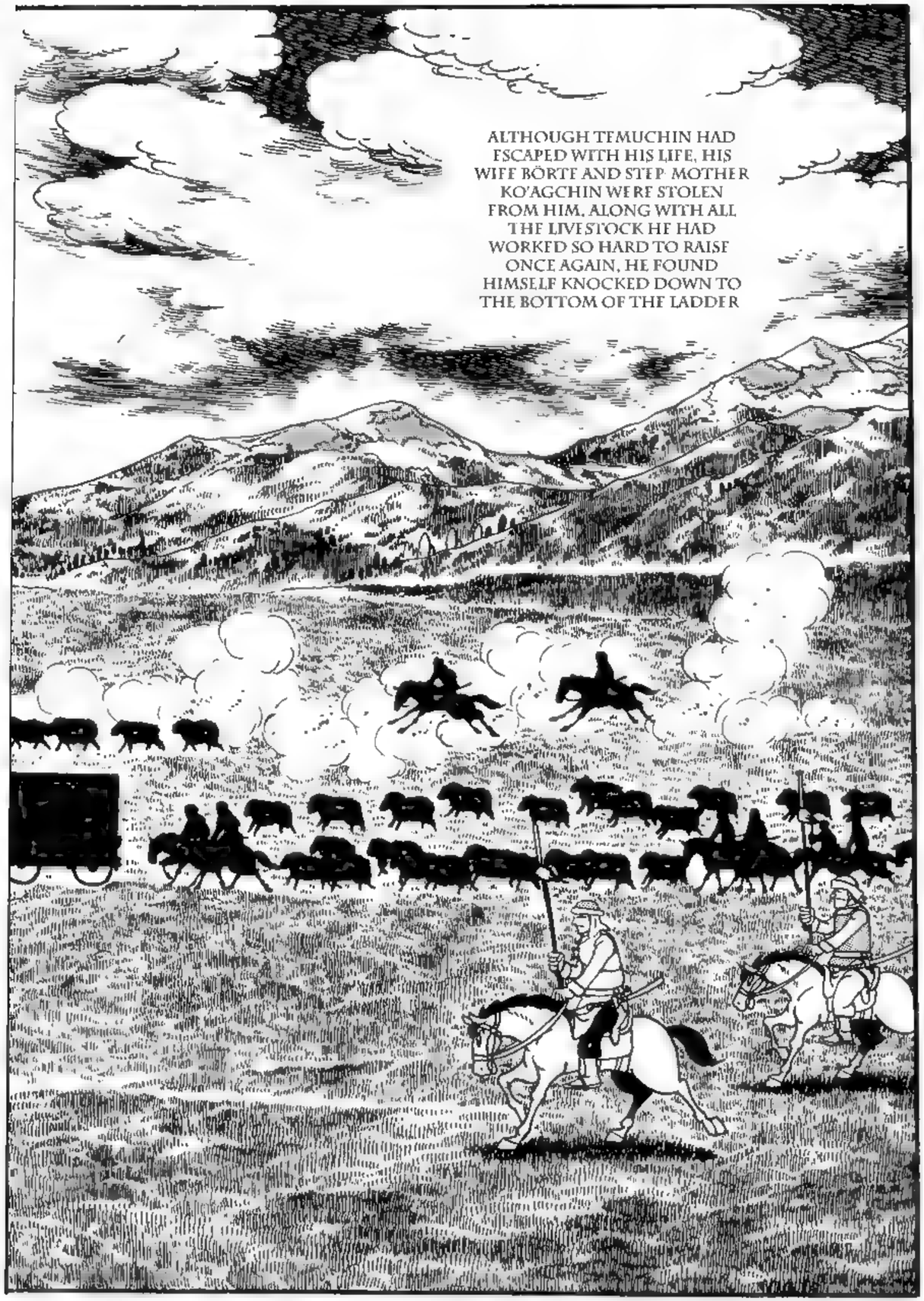
THE FOUR SAFELY ESCAPED TO THE MOUN TAINS.


HERE, QUAGMIRES AND TREE TRUNKS STREWN ABOUT ALL OVER MADE FURTHER PURSUIT DIFFICULT UNLESS ONE WAS VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE TERRAIN


AS SUCH THE MERKITS CALLED OFF THE PURSUIT AND WITHDREW




ALTHOUGH TEMUCHIN HAD
ESCAPED WITH HIS LIFE, HIS
WIFE BÖRTE AND STEP-MOTHER
KO'AGCHIN WERE STOLEN
FROM HIM, ALONG WITH ALL
THE LIVESTOCK HE HAD
WORKED SO HARD TO RAISE
ONCE AGAIN, HE FOUND
HIMSELF KNOCKED DOWN TO
THE BOTTOM OF THE LADDER

CHINGGIS KHAN VOL 1 -END-

FAMILY TREE OF CHINGGIS KHAN

HÖ'ELUN
(FIRST WIFE)

YISUGEI

KO'AGCHIN
(SECOND WIFE)

TEMULUN

TEMUGE

KACHUN

KASAR

(ELDEST SON)

BELGUTEI

BEKHTER

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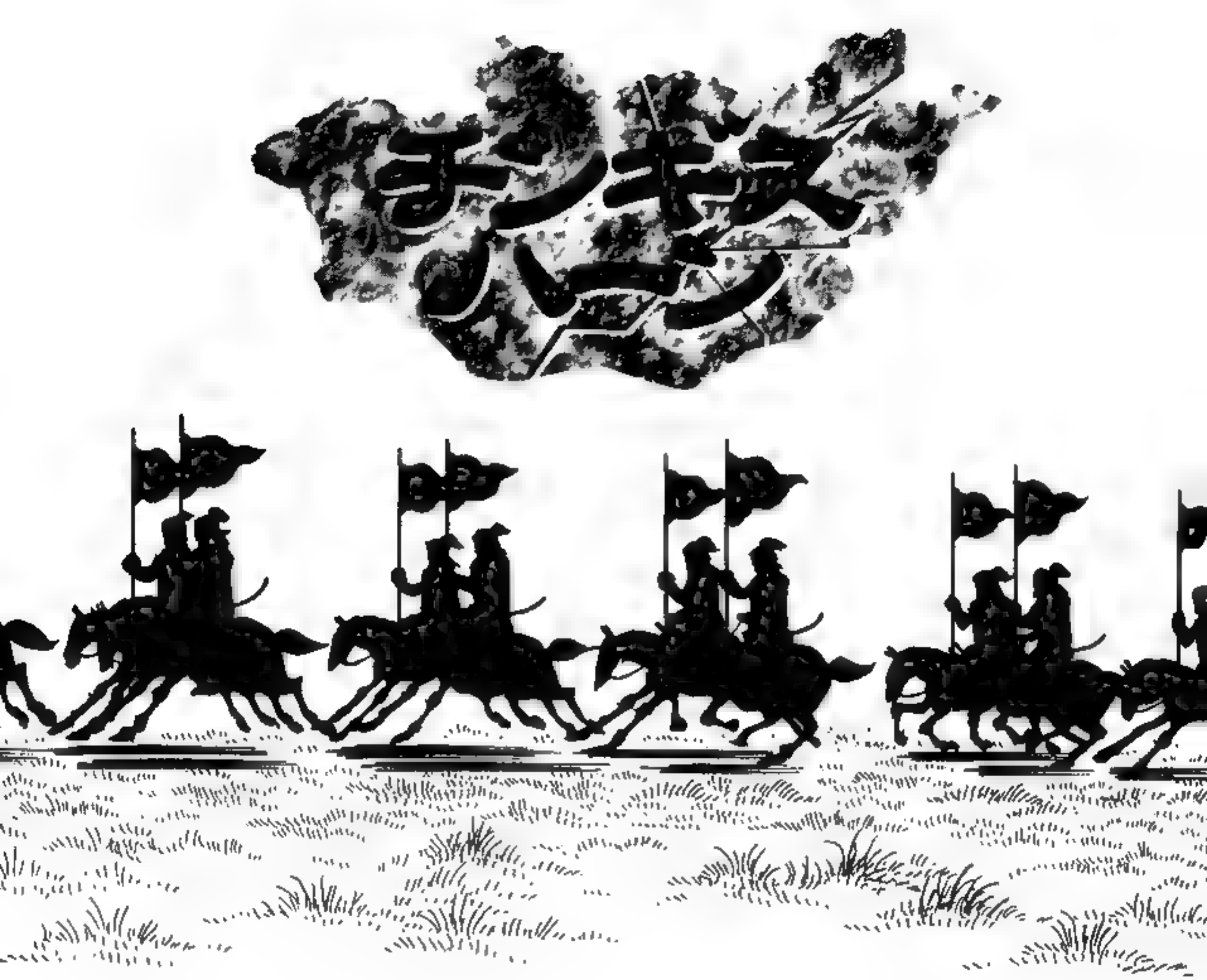
TEMUCHIN

(LATER TITLED
CHINGGIS KHAN)

未来战士



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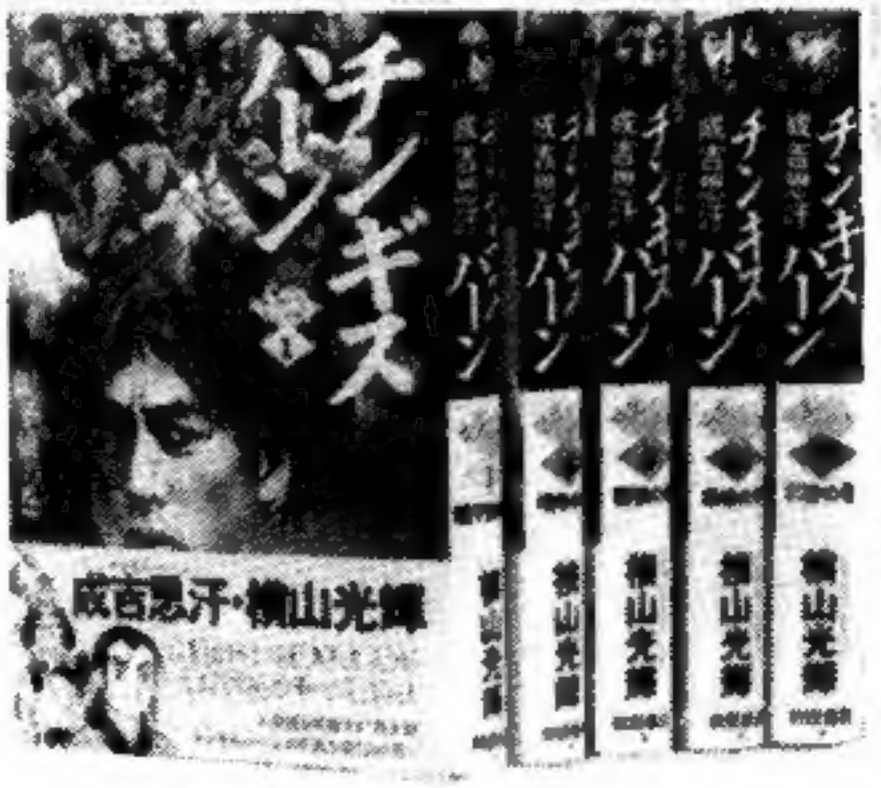

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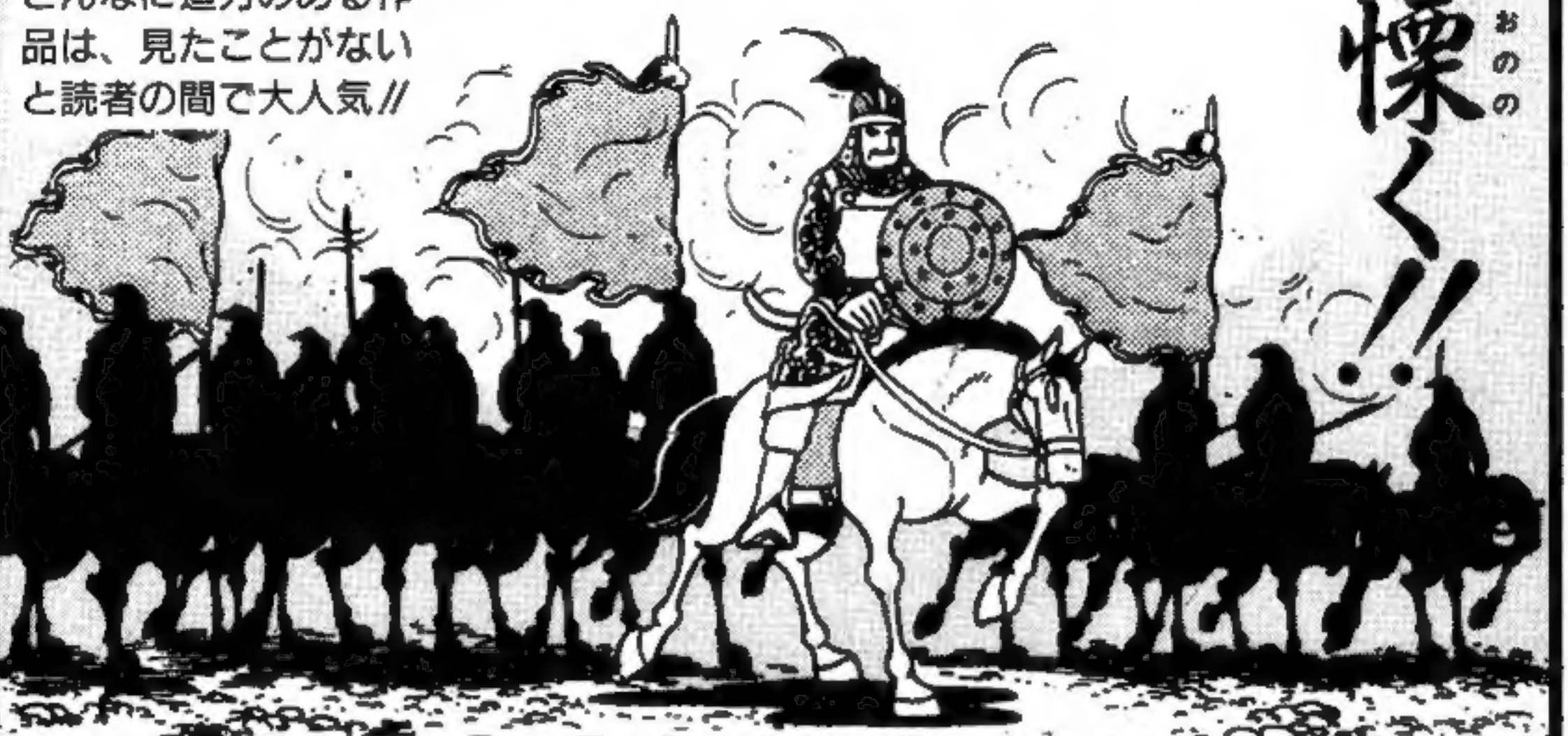

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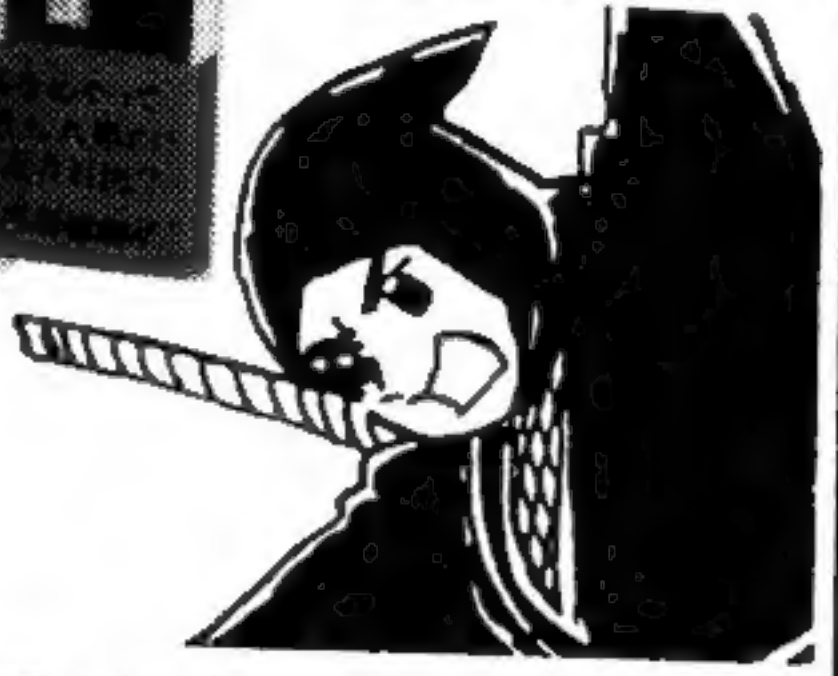

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